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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
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In reply refer to  
LA 337,1121-McDonald, Cassius M./13

March 13, 1935

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

With reference to your letter of March 9, 1935, concerning one Cassius McDonald, I am transmitting herewith copies of three despatches, dated March 20, 1934, and January 10 and 17, 1935, from the American Consulate General at Habana, these despatches comprising the entire file of this Department in respect to this person.

It will be observed that McDonald was detained by the Cuban authorities on two occasions, February 3 and March 6, 1934, and on two occasions, January 3 and 6, 1935, during his most recent reported visit to Cuba.

The Consul General is being instructed to forward to the Department copies of any additional records which may be available in the files of his office, or obtainable from the appropriate Cuban authorities, and I shall not fail promptly to communicate such information to you upon its receipt.

Sincerely yours,

(S) Sumner Welles  
For the Secretary of State

Enclosures

From American Consulate  
General, March 20, 1934, January  
10 and 17, 1935.

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The Honorable  
Eugene S. CUMMINGS,  
Attorney General

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No. 2307

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,  
Havana, Cuba, March 20, 1934.

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SUBJECT: Alleged Imprisonment of Cassius M. McDonald, an American citizen.

THE HONORABLE  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's instruction of March 17, 1934 (File 537.112/-McDonald, Cassius M./1) with which the Department transmits a copy of a letter dated March 12, 1934, addressed to Senator James G. Thompson of Michigan, concerning one Mr. Cassius M. McDonald, alleged to be detained in Cuba, and in which the Department directs that an investigation be made and the findings reported by airmail.

Mr. Cassius M. McDonald was brought to the Consulate General on February 8, 1934, by the police who took him into custody at the Parque Central where he was sitting on a bench, it being alleged that he had a police record. He insisted upon being brought to this office. It was learned from the police who had him in custody that they suspected him of being a man wanted for certain criminal activities in New Jersey of which they had notice. An immediate investigation by the Consulate General disclosed the fact that Mr. McDonald had come from Miami to Cuba by plane on February 18, 1934, under the name of Charles Molinari, accompanied by one William Dayton, who later turned out to be one William Day, of Detroit, Michigan. As the police had no definite evidence against Mr. McDonald, the Consulate General asked for his release which was granted.

On March 7 Mrs. McDonald who, it seems, had preceded Mr. McDonald to Cuba from Florida, called at the Consulate General at eight-thirty a.m. stating that her husband had again been arrested late the evening before by the Cuban police. She asked for the assistance of the Consulate General. An officer dispatched to the office of the Chief of Police learned that McDonald was accused of being an undesirable character and that it was proposed to deport him because of his association with certain Cubans whose reputations were not of the best.

It then appeared from papers which Mr. McDonald exhibited that he was in Cuba in behalf of certain persons in Chicago and Detroit interested in endeavoring to lease the Casino, the Habana race track and the Habana bathing beach (properties of Carlos Miguel de Cespedes, and others) which had been seized by the Cuban Government, and afterward returned to the custody of one Carlos de la Cruz with whom Mr. McDonald was dealing.

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Neither McDonald nor his wife had any papers to verify their claim to American citizenship; however the Consulate General again procured his release, although he was kept under surveillance by the police. At the time of his second arrest he was asked to substantiate his claim of American citizenship and evidently the letter from Mr. Charles L. Bartlett to Senator Couzens and Senator Cawens' representations to the Department resulted therefrom. With the information transmitted in the Department's instructions of March 17 there would have been no difficulty in protecting Mr. McDonald during any further residence in Cuba, but it is understood that he, having finished his negotiations, with his wife left for the United States on March 17, 1924, via Key West, Florida.

For the Department's information, it may be stated that Mr. McDonald, for entering Cuba under a false name, could have been indicted and sentenced by the Cuban authorities; however, due to the Consulate General's intervention this phase of the matter was not gone into by them.

Very respectfully yours,

F. T. F. DUMONT  
American Consul General.

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From  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To  
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

The Attorney General  
The Solicitor General  
Assistant to Attorney General Stanley  
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This is in response to a  
letter written in the Bureau  
of Investigation dated March 9th

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letter written in the Bureau  
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 IN MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

April 2, 1935

Mr. J. E. Hanson,  
 Alcazar Hotel,  
 Miami, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,  
 FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
 I.O.#1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
 I.O.#1257; FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P.  
 MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM  
 TRAVIS, with aliases, I.O.#1273; HARRY  
 CRANER, with aliases, I.O.#1264; WILLIAM  
 J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1289;  
 WENTLEY BATH, with aliases, I.O.#1261.  
 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
 KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated  
 March 19, 1935 received from the Department of State, together with  
 the enclosures referred to therein concerning the activities of sub-  
 ject Cassius McDonald at Habana, Cuba, during February and March of  
 1934 and January 1935.

You will note that the State Department has instructed the  
 Consul General at Habana, Cuba to furnish any additional reports  
 which may be available in the files of his office, which reports will  
 be promptly forwarded to you when they are received at the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
 Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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March 30, 1935.

Mr. Tamm:

Mr. Hoover asks that you please be certain  
this man's case is vigorously followed up.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 2, 1935

Time - 10:06 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Flexer of the State Department telephoned regarding the above matter, and particularly Alvin Karpis. He stated that in checking their files on this matter, he finds that State Department Dispatch #34, dated February 14, 1935, with its inclosures is missing; that he recalls that these documents were sent to the Bureau.

I informed Mr. Flexer that I recalled the receipt of this dispatch with its enclosures, and would have the file checked; that when the dispatch in question is found, I would have copies of the same made for our files and the original returned to the State Department.

He requested that these be sent directly to him in Room 317 of the State Department. Mr. Flexer's full name is F. J. Flexer.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM

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*W. C. Sullivan*

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota

Chicago FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/2/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/28-29-30/35	REPORT MADE BY: F. G. TILLMAN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases, FUGITIVE. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p><b>Synopsis of Facts:</b> Official Illinois map of highway district No. 1 obtained from L. H. Buckman, Assistant District Engineer, Elgin, Ill., together with description of road conditions in January and February, 1935 as indicated in maintenance patrolmen's daily reports. R. T. Cash, District Engineer is competent to introduce a map and records in this district. Similar map obtained from O. F. Goecke, District Engineer, Dixon, Ill., together with information on road conditions as obtained from maintenance cost ledger. Mr. Goecke is competent to introduce maps and records.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Mo., dated 3/27/35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><u>AT ELGIN, ILLINOIS</u></p> <p>L. H. Buckman, Assistant District Engineer of District No. 1, Division of Highways, Department of Public Works and Buildings, on March 28, 1935 advised that R. T. Cash, District Engineer of that district was absent and would not return until April 2, 1935 and that during his absence he, Mr. Buckman, is in charge of</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-5373	RECORDED AND INDEXED APR 4 1935
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the district office and the records thereof. Although the following information was secured by his direction, he stated that Mr. Cash, the District Engineer, is competent to testify if it becomes necessary. It appears that the map of District No. 1 consists of Boone, McHenry, Lake, DeKalb, Kane, DuPage, Kendall, and Will Counties, and was made under Mr. Cash's supervision and he, therefore, would be competent to produce this map and testify to the contents of the records of Highway District No. 1 relating to road conditions.

Mr. Buckman further stated that the highway district is concerned only with improved roads and during the winter, only with roads marked for travel, such as Federal and state roads. With reference to other roads in this district, Mr. Buckman advised that the subsidiary roads are under the supervision of the counties and in some instances the townships.

There are being forwarded under separate cover to the St. Paul Bureau office, official highway maps of Districts Nos. 1 and 2. The map for District No. 1 was furnished by Mr. L. H. Buckman, Assistant District Engineer, and the map for District No. 2 was furnished by Mr. O. F. Goecke, District Engineer. In the smaller of the two maps for District No. 1, it is to be noted that each of the maintenance patrols north of Bensonville, Illinois are outlined in colored pencil, together with the numbers by A. F. Rausch, Maintenance Engineer, Elgin, Illinois. With reference to the maintenance patrols indicated in this map, this Agent, with the assistance of A. F. Rausch, secured the following information from the daily reports of the patrolman of each section, which record the expenses incurred, together with the type of work done in the upkeep of highways in each maintenance section. These reports were examined from January 5, 1934 to February 15, 1934. The name and address of each patrolman is set forth after his section number. The term "cinder spreading" indicates icy pavements or roads, and the terms "snow removal" or "plowing snow" indicate the existence of snow on the road.

Maintenance Section #101 - Patrolman Edward Kenyon, 419 Julian Street, Belvidere, Illinois. Cinder Spreading, January 8, 1934, January 13, 1934, and February 18, 1934.

Maintenance Section #104 - Patrolman Mattie R. Bauman, Wooddale, Illinois. Performed no snow removal work during dates mentioned. This man is no longer employed by the Highway District.

Maintenance Section #107 - Patrolman Peter J. Bauer, 1511 Lucia Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois. Snow removal January 29th and 30th, 1934. Cinder spreading February 5th, 7th, 10th, 1934. Snow removal February 8, 1934.

Maintenance Section #108 - Patrolman Martin Ruesch, Zion, Illinois. Snow removal January 30, 1934, February 1st, 3rd, and 10th, 1934.

Maintenance Section #111 - Patrolman Grover Terry, Capron, Illinois. Cinder spreading January 8, 1934.

Maintenance Section #115 - Patrolman Leo Darfler, Mundelein, Illinois. Cinder spreading January 8, 1934.

Maintenance Section #117 - Patrolman Battista Caroni, 520 Ravinia Road, Highland Park, Illinois. Cinder spreading February 8th and 18th, 1934.

Maintenance Section #119 - Ernest Schmidt, 157 Fourth Street, Dundee, Illinois. Cinder spreading January 13th and 14th, 1934.

Maintenance Section #121 - Patrolman Wayne Cooney, Martland, Illinois. Performed no snow removal work between dates above mentioned.

Maintenance Section #125 - Patrolman Harry J. Henders, 234 E. Grantley Street, Elmhurst, Illinois. Cinder spreading January 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th, 19th, 1934.

Maintenance Section #126 - Patrolman Dominic Cortesi, 648 Deerfield Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois. Cinder spreading January 7th, 9th, 14th, 19th, and February 9, 1934.

Maintenance Section #128 - Patrolman Charles O'Halloren, Harvard, Illinois. Cinder spreading January 1st, 8th, and 13th, 1934.

Maintenance Section #131 - Patrolman William Van Der Linde, Lake Villa, Illinois. Cinder spreading January 7, 1934. This man is no longer employed by the Highway District.

Maintenance Section #132 - Patrolman Walter Archdale, Waukegan, Illinois. Cinder spreading January 7, 1934.

Maintenance Section #133 - Patrolman Archie S. Dougherty, 208 Broadway, Libertyville, Illinois. Snow removal on January 4th and 5th, 1934; cinder spreading on February 8th and 19th, 1934.

Maintenance Section #134 - Patrolman David Jenkins, Wauconda, Illinois. Cinder spreading on January 7th, 8th, and 24th, 1934. This man is no longer employed by the Highway District and according to Mr. Rausch he was recently charged with burglary.

Maintenance Section #136 - Patrolman Frank Tobin, Marengo, Illinois. Cinder spreading February 18, 1934. No snow removal work performed prior to this date.

Maintenance Section #138 - Patrolman Frank Weingart, McHenry, Illinois. Cinder spreading January 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th, 1934.

Maintenance Section #139 - Patrolman Thomas H. Foster, Richmond, Illinois. Snow removal on January 14, 1934.

Maintenance Section #142 - Patrolman Patrick Freeman, Gilberts, Illinois. Cinder spreading on January 6th, 7th, 8th, 1934.

Maintenance Section #146 - Patrolman Harry Carrell, Genoa, Illinois. Cinder spreading January 8, 1934.

Maintenance Section #147 - Patrolman Charles M. Corkele, Antioch, Illinois. Performed no snow removal work between dates above mentioned.

Maintenance Section #148 - Patrolman Edward Menoian, 635 McAllister Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois. Performed no snow removal work between dates above mentioned.

Maintenance Section #149 - Patrolman Percy Mather, Prairie View, Illinois. Plowed snow on February 9, 1934. Mather is no longer employed by the Highway District and is reported mentally unsound.

Maintenance Section #150 - Patrolman Herman Wolff, Lake Villa, Illinois. Snow removal on January 3rd, 8th, and February 18th, 1934.

Maintenance Section #151 - This section was vacant during the time referred to in this report and the work was done and reported by patrolmen in other sections.

AT DIXON, ILLINOIS

Mr. O. F. Goecke, District Engineer, Division of Highways, Department of Public Works and Buildings, District #2, at Dixon, Illinois is a competent witness to introduce the map of District #2.

which district is composed of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Carroll, Ogle, Whiteside, Lee, Rock Island, Henry, and Bureau Counties, and to testify to the road conditions as reflected by the maintenance cost ledger in his district.

Under Mr. Goecke's direction, Mr. J. R. Fitzsimmons, Auditor, Division of Highways, Dixon, Illinois, secured the information given herein from the maintenance cost ledger for District No. 8, relative to expenses incurred from January 5th to February 15th, 1934 for snow removal from highways leading to Wisconsin. An item of expense for snow removal indicates the existence of icy pavements or snow thereon.

State Route #2 from Rockford, Illinois to Beloit, Wisconsin.  
Maintenance section 21-29. No snow removal between January 5th and February 15th, 1934. Andrew C. Lovejoy, Roscoe, Illinois.

State Route #2 from Rockford, Illinois to Beloit, Wisconsin.  
Maintenance section 21-37. No snow removal between dates above mentioned. Francis Wigley, Rockton, Illinois.

State Route #74 from Freeport, Illinois to Monroe, Wisconsin. Maintenance section 21-69. No snow removal work performed between above mentioned dates. Robert Grant, Freeport, Illinois.

State Route #73 This road was not open to travel on the above dates.

U. S. #20 and State Route #5 Maintenance section 21-42. Rockford, Illinois to Galena, Illinois. This road was closed early in January, but no snow plowing was done. Robert Grant, Freeport, Illinois, and Lawrence Hayes, Galena, Illinois were the patrolmen. On the same route in maintenance section 21-51, Thomas Clancy, Stockton, Illinois is patrolman from Stockton to Elizabeth, Illinois. J. L. Mineguin, Galena, Illinois is patrolman for maintenance section 21-53, a continuation route of U. S. #20. In this section, no snow removal work was performed other than a small amount removed early in January.

State Route #80 Maintenance section 21-94. Patrolman J. L. Mineguin, Galena, Illinois. No snow removal work performed in this section, which extends from Galena to Hazel Green, Wisconsin.

The daily reports of the patrolman in this highway district for the period mentioned were destroyed upon the entering of the items in the maintenance ledger.

Mr. L. H. Buckman, Elgin, Illinois, advised that it is not the policy of this district engineer's office to require expert witness fees and that they do not desire any fee other than the actual expenses incurred by them by reason of the trial.

Mr. O. F. Goecke also does not desire expert witness fees, but requests that his expenses be paid.

It is desired by the engineers in both districts, that if it becomes necessary for them to testify at St. Paul, that arrangements be made with Ernst Liberman, Chief Highway Engineer, Division of Highways, Department of Public Works and Buildings, Springfield, Illinois.

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*Edward L. Bremer*

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*Answered by Mr. Newby  
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April 8, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, I. O. #1232, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

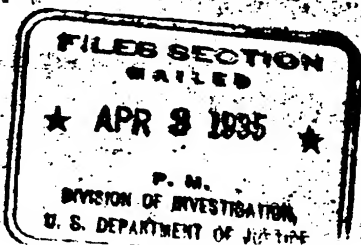
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division March 26, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #318538.

cc-Chicago.  
cc-St. Paul.



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Laboratory Report

April 1, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, I. O. #1232, et al; Edward George Bremer -  
Victim, Kidnaping. Number: 7-576-5169.

Specimens: One small piece of cardboard upon which are inscribed numerous symbols.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office.

Date received: March 26, 1935.

Examination requested: Decipher code

Result of examination:

Examination by: Conrad *JwC*

The absence of any numbers above sixty in the last two places of each number on the card indicates use of the sexagesimal system of numbers, and inasmuch as the measure of time is one of the two chief applications of this system, it is very probable that the letters and figures appearing on the card represent a time schedule of some kind.

The examiner has no way of determining the meaning of the various letters accompanying the figures; one possibility which suggests itself is that certain of the letters may represent individuals and other letters represent locations, resulting in a contact schedule or schedule of action.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded to your office within the next several days.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

April 2, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE;  
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OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul File 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the newspaper articles appearing in the St. Paul papers on March 31, 1935, and to the telephone conversations had with Mr. Tamm and Mr. Newby of the Bureau, regarding the alleged confession made by Jess Doyle admitting a murder and the robbery of one or more banks in the Twin Cities. The clippings carrying these stories have, of course, been forwarded to the Bureau.

It is now and has been the custom of the reporters for the St. Paul papers to call at this office daily. Today, Louis Gallup, St. Paul Daily News reporter, called and during the conversation he made mention of the fact that an Associated

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Press dispatch was received by the Associated Press representative in St. Paul from their Kansas City office advising in substance that Jess Doyle talked freely when apprehended, and was reported to have given considerable information; and the dispatch also asked that the report be verified. Later in the day, Mr. Thompson, the representative of the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press, was in the office and he advised that representatives of one or more newspapers had been at the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota, on Friday, March 29, 1935, and had interviewed two prisoners, namely, Lawrence Devol and one Hankins. Mr. Thompson stated that he knew they secured some information from these men and that he had formerly been under the impression that John DeCourcy, local attorney, had furnished the newspapers considerable information, and he inquired as to whether the statement had been issued from this office regarding the incident, and if so why he was not given the information. Mr. Thompson was advised by me that no statement had been issued and that I was not authorized to make any statement about the matter.

As previously stated during the telephone conversations, Jess Doyle has not to date employed an attorney to represent him. On one occasion John DeCourcy, above referred to, made representations to the United States Attorney that he had been employed to represent Doyle by some unknown person who had called him by telephone. At the request of Mr. Sullivan, United States Attorney, Special Agent J. E. Brennan accompanied Mr. DeCourcy to the Ramsey County Jail where he was given opportunity to talk to Doyle in the presence of Agent Brennan. In substance, Mr. DeCourcy informed Doyle that he had been employed to represent him, and Doyle replied that in the event he needed the services of an attorney he would notify Mr. DeCourcy. Since that time Mr. DeCourcy has not attempted to communicate with Doyle. He has however on numerous occasions talked with Edna Murray, with aliases, whom he represents in captioned case.

For your information it is stated that none of the Agents of this office have talked with Doyle other than to display photos and exhibits to him, and he has not made any statement in addition

to that supplied to Agents of the Kansas City office at the time of his arrest. He has never been questioned by Agents of this office regarding that statement and has never to my knowledge admitted a murder.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD, *ree*  
Special Agent in Charge.

RCC:rm  
Cc E.J. Connelley  
Kansas City

Post Office Box #812  
Chicago, Illinois

April 2, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237  
WILLIAM STAVELAND with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
HARRY A. YER with aliases, I.O. 1240  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241  
OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

As a result of a mail cover placed on mail addressed to  
Mrs. Emily Newbold, 2840 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, who is a  
sister of Subject Alvin Karpis, there has been received a tracing  
of a letter bearing the following printed return address:

Clarence E. Simpson  
840 Wabash Ave.  
Topeka, Kansas.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be con-  
ducted concerning Clarence E. Simpson to determine if he has any  
connection with Subject Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
WCR:CC  
CC-Bureau  
CC-St. Paul

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

APR 2, 1935.

Mr. J. H. Hanson,  
Alcazar Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218  
FUGITIVE et al - Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND  
DESTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS  
ACT.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telegram of this date, inquiry was made of Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL who is now at Chicago, as to the matter of the interview had with E. L. GRAY, then clerk at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, during the period November 18 to 21, 1934, at which time Agents Campbell and Hurt were registered at the El Comodoro Hotel, and Agent Campbell advises me that to the best of his recollection, the only inquiry made of Gray was as to his knowledge regarding DUKE RANDALL and CODDARD, the party with whom Randall was living; that he does not recall definitely whether or not KARPIS was mentioned to Gray. However he is satisfied that they did not exhibit to Gray any pictures of the members of this gang. In fact, as he recalls, he did not have any pictures of Karpis at the time he talked to Gray.

I have wired the San Francisco office to question Agent C. G. Hurt as to whether his recollection is any different as to the circumstances above indicated, with the request that they telegraphically advise you at the Alcazar Hotel if the information recalled by Hurt is at variance with that of Agent Campbell.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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APRIL 2 1935

R B NATHAN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG  
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

BREKID CLARENCE E SIMPSON EIGHT FORTY WABASH AVENUE TOPEKA KANSAS

WRITTEN MRS EMILY NEWBOLD TWO EIGHT FORTY NORTH FRANCISCO AVENUE CHICAGO

LETTER SISTER KARPIS MAKE SUITABLE CHECK SIMPSON

CONNELLY

EJC:MO

cc-Bureau ✓  
St. Paul

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April 2, 1935

E. P. GUINANE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
405 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

0 BREKID ASCERTAIN FROM G. G. HURT AND WIRE J. H. HANSEN ALCAZAR HOTEL MIAMI FLORIDA  
WHETHER AGENTS HURT CAMPBELL DISPLAYED PHOTOGRAPHS KARPIS AND OTHERS TO GRAY  
ELCOMODORO HOTEL DURING THEIR NOVEMBER INVESTIGATION AND WHETHER THEY ADVISED  
GRAY KARPIS WAS FUGITIVE IF SO FULL FACTS REGARDING TIME PLACE CIRCUMSTANCES

CONNELLY

EJC:JMS

CC Bureau  
CC St. Paul  
CC Jacksonville

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April 8 1935

J H HANSEN  
ALCAZAR HOTEL  
MIAMI FLORIDA

BREKID AGENT HURT LOCATED SANFRANCISCO AGENT CAMPBELL ADVISES BETWEEN NOVEMBER  
EIGHTEEN AND TWENTYFIRST GRAY INTERVIEWED IN THEIR ROOM AS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE  
RANDALL AND CODOMO ONLY STOP RECOLLECTION IS NO PICTURES EXHIBITED TO GRAY

CONNELLY

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BY DIRECT WIRE FRC

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Jacksonville, Florida  
April 2, 1935.

W. A. RORER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
508 MEDICAL ARTS BLDG  
NASHVILLE TENNESSEE

BREKID REFERENCE REPORT AGENT HANSON FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST AND MY  
TELEGRAM MARCH TWENTYNINTH EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION STOWAN TENNESSEE  
FORWARDING REPORT HERE AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

CHARGE GOVERNMENT RATE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPT OF JUSTICE  
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cc - Bureau

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

BY DIRECT WIRE FROM

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Jacksonville, Florida,  
April 2, 1935.

D M LADD  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
232 Post Office Bldg.,  
ST. PAUL MINN

BREKID SA to AG HANDLING PROSECUTION CASE IN FLORIDA ADVISED DESIRES  
KNOW IMMEDIATELY NAME ADDRESS WITNESS WHO APPEARED BEFORE GRAND JURY  
ST PAUL WHO IDENTIFIED KARPIS AS KARPIS NAMED IN INDICTMENT IN OTHER  
WORDS NAME AND ADDRESS ONE IDENTIFYING WITNESS

CHARGE GOVERNMENT RATE  
FED BUREAU OF INVES.  
U S DEPT OF JUS  
RAA:MFS 6:10 PM  
cc - Bureau  
Mr. Connelley

ALT

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

P. O. BOX 4807  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
April 2, 1935.

Mr. W. Sanders Grawling  
Assistant U. S. Attorney  
Miami, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

For your information in connection with this case I am enclosing summary report of Special Agent D. F. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 12, 1935, which shows the contacts and history of subject William J. Harrison.

I am advised that a separate summary report is now being prepared in the St. Paul Office as to each subject under indictment in Minnesota. As soon as these reports are received in the Jacksonville Office copies of same will be furnished to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

RAA:G

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Cc: Bureau.

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Postoffice Box 814,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
April 2, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1218,  
RUSSELL DIBSON, with aliases, I.O.#1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh has advised that during the last two years the Walgreen Drug Stores issued to doctors practicing in the city of Chicago and suburbs, courtesy cards entitling such doctors holding these cards to purchase merchandise at very favorable prices in all Walgreen Drug Stores throughout the country.

Special Agent Kavanaugh further advises that these cards were in very general use by doctors, and a doctor practicing in Chicago had no trouble in making use of one of these cards anywhere in the country. He has suggested that such a card might be issued to Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and if so, it is possible that he may be using it in Walgreen Drug Stores.

The Walgreen Drug Stores are located at 744 Bowen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and Mr. Harry Goldstine, Vice-president, should be able to say whether such a card has been issued to Dr. Moran. In addition, Agent Kavanaugh advises that Mr. Goldstine would be willing to lend cooperation of the Walgreen Drug Stores in advising the Bureau if the card issued to Dr. Moran is being used by him in any of the Walgreen Drug Stores throughout the country. A daily bulletin is issued to the managers of the Walgreen Drug Stores, and this request could be incorporated in the bulletin by the Walgreen Company.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Bureau  
St. Paul

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

April 2, 1935

Mr. J. H. Hanson,  
Alcazar Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218  
FUGITIVE, et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

As per telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt, Jacksonville, Florida, I am enclosing photostatic copy of the report of Special Agent E. M. Notestein dated February 20, 1934 at St. Paul, Minnesota, which covers the situation as to the identification of Alvin Karpis in the purchase of the three flashlights January 27, 1934 from clerk Mrs. Florence Humphrey, F. & W. Grand Silver Store, 87 Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

EJC:FVV  
Enc.

cc Bureau  
Jacksonville  
St. Paul

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

April 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240;  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241;  
OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

On March 27, 1935 John Karpavicz called at this office and was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran. Mr. Karpavicz, who is the father of subject Alvin Karpis, advised that he desired to have turned over to him certain articles which had been left by Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis at the time they fled from Florida. He stated that he understood that this Bureau had possession of a baby's bed and numerous articles of baby's clothing, as well as the personal effects of Alvin Karpis. He stated that due to his straitened financial condition he desired these articles for the use of the son of Alvin Karpis, of whom he presently has custody and that the brother of Dolores Delaney had agreed to purchase any clothing left by Alvin Karpis, which funds, he stated, he intended to use to defray the necessary expenses of the baby. He further advised that he had made arrangements whereby he could proceed to Miami at very little cost and secure these things.

Agent Suran advised Mr. Karpavicz that to his knowledge these articles were not in the possession of the Bureau, however, it is requested that you advise this office whether your office is in possession of the above described articles.

RCS:KB  
CC - Bureau ✓

Very truly yours,

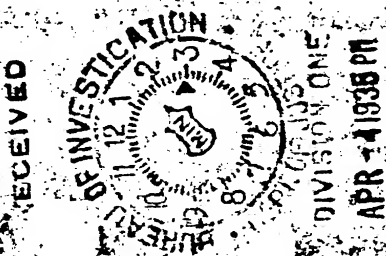
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Special Agent in Charge  
Special Assignment.

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Post Office Box #812  
Chicago, Illinois

April 2, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York



RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
HARRY LAYNE with aliases, I.O. 1240  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241  
OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

As a result of a cover placed on the mail of Mrs. Philip W. Newbold, 2840 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who is a sister of Subject Alvin Karpis, a tracing has been received which bears the following return address:

" LOCK BOX 66  
GENERAL POST OFFICE  
33RD STREET & 5TH AVE.  
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y."

It is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted to determine the holder of the above Lock Box, and to ascertain if the sender of the letter might have any connection with Subject Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
CR:OC  
cc-St. Paul  
cc-Bureau

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

April 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

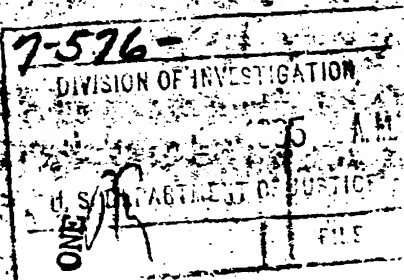
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O.  
1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases,  
I. O. 1238; WILLIAM H. HARRISON, with aliases,  
I. O. 1239; HARRY BAYLER, with aliases, I. O.  
1240; MYRTLE KATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241;  
OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Will you kindly furnish this office with the latest photo-  
graphs of Edna Murray and Loris O'Connor?

Very truly yours,

RC:KB  
CC - Bureau ✓

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge  
Special Assignment



Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
April 2, 1935

E. J. Connelley  
Special Agent in Charge  
P. O. Box 312  
Chicago, Illinois



Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237 - FUGITIVE;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
MYRTLE KATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241;  
OLIVER A. BULL, with aliases, - FUGITIVE; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping - Harboring and Obstruction of Justice -  
National Firearms Act

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that in the afternoon of March 29, 1935, Mr.  
E. A. Burgess, a banker of Toronto, Canada, picked up on the  
stairway between the second floor and the lobby, a letter which had appar-  
ently not been mailed which reads as follows:

" 3-29-35

Joe I suppose you saw papers, blown up again only got 2 grand  
papers said 3700 wonder where it is, ha. Jim got 28 in shoulder  
and arm Yeds got him, he is at farm with Mable. We got the kid  
out of pay in Toledo, Ill be here about a week yet putting on  
the dog, got next to young skirt here she's a nurse knows lots  
of people in this burg. tell Joe L. to be sure and meet me in  
Chi, kind of hot around there yet I guess. Saw our old friend  
here in E. C. yesterday Just blew in from Ft Payne made some  
good Jack down there got the place we got in 32 only lot more.

Say Joe tell Margie I got a swell set of pearls for her got  
em from a bell hop here for 50 bucks not bad what say. I am  
laying low here no body expects nothing. So tell the bunch you  
haven't heard from me.

So long

You know my name here so let me know whats going on up there

Alex"

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This note was obtained there and is being retained in the Detroit Office file. Mr. Burgess, [redacted] handed this note to the clerk then on duty, Mr. E. W. Mallierne, who accepted same but did not notice it until the following day when he read it and immediately turned it over to E. G. Hall, Personnel Officer, and chief officer [redacted] who immediately exhibited it to Chief of Police Hugh Gordon of Battle Creek, Michigan, who transmitted a copy of same to the Detroit office and to the Chief of Police at Fort Wayne, Indiana. b7c

In connection with this, it will be recalled that G. J. Fitzgerald is reported to have formerly been a patient in the Mayo Clinic and also at the Vallejo General Hospital, at Vallejo, California, and for this reason investigation was conducted at the [redacted] to determine whether G. J. Fitzgerald was a patient there at the present time, but this was with negative results. Chief of Police Hugh Gordon advised that he was unable to connect this letter with any person then known to him in Battle Creek, Michigan.

From the tone of the aforementioned letter, which incidentally has the tops of the letterheads containing data concerning the [redacted] clipped off, it would appear probable that the author is residing at the [redacted]

Concerning the statement therein "saw our old friend here in B. C. yesterday just blew in from Ft Wayne made some good jack down there got the place we got in 32 only let more", Detective Eugene Bauchard of the Police Department of Fort Wayne, who was in Battle Creek, Michigan in connection with this matter, advised that on the night of March 22, 1935, the Means Auto Co., of Fort Wayne, Indiana was robbed, the thieves entering the building at night and cracking the safe therein with a sledge hammer and obtaining \$406 in cash and 20 shares of Pennsylvania Railroad Stock in the name of Guy S. Means valued at \$1800.

In connection with the case entitled John Paul Chase, John Hamilton, with aliases, I.O. 1020 et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, etc., it will be recalled that former Sheriff Charles Zimmerman of Angola, Indiana was then residing at a farm just across the state line of Indiana in Fort Recovery. Detective Bauchard advised that for the past three or four months Zimmerman has been working at Rocky's restaurant at the corner of Lafayette and Lewis Streets, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, but that he himself personally checked at this restaurant on March 23, 1935 and determined that Zimmerman had left for a visit some place, but could not determine where. Detective Bauchard further advised that the safe of the Means Auto Co. was also blown in either 1932 or 1933, but that the Police Department was unable to establish any connections. Detective Bauchard thinks it highly possible that the "Zim" in the aforementioned note may be Charles Zimmerman, and advised that nothing came to his attention that Zimmerman had been in a fray with Federal Authorities recently.

b7c

He further advised that Zimmerman's wife's name is Bernice.

Investigation at the [redacted] by Special Agent D. E. Hall did not throw any light on any bell boy who would be dealing in stolen jewelry, or the nurse mentioned in the aforementioned note, who it is presumed was from the [redacted]. There are approximately fifty registered nurses on duty at the [redacted] and Mr. Hall, Personnel Manager, advised that if one of the nurses was keeping company with the writer of the aforementioned letter, he might be able to determine her name. Comparison of signatures of all guests and patients at the [redacted] during the month of March, 1935, failed to locate the author of the aforementioned letter.

In view of the fact that the "Zin" who was shot in the shoulder and arm by the "Feds" (presumed to be the Federal authorities) might be Zimmerman, this information is being transmitted to the Chicago and St. Paul Offices in order that they may note the same to determine whether it may relate to any case in which they are interested.

It should be noted here that investigation at the [redacted] did not indicate that any of the subjects at large had been patients there.

Very truly yours,

DM:RES  
cc-Bureau  
cc-St. Paul Office ✓

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

JEL:MBB  
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P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 2, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1215,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.  
#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.  
#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O. #1238; WILLIAM WEAVER, with  
aliases, I.O. #1238; HARRY SAWYER, with  
aliases, I.O. #1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O. #1239; MYRTLE MATON, with  
aliases, I.O. #1241; OLIVER A. BERO, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE  
BARKER, Victim. KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS  
ACT.

In accordance with the request contained in your wire dated  
April 1, 1935, there is transmitted herewith an exemplified copy of  
the conviction and sentence of Arthur R. Barker, alias Doc Barker, on  
a charge of murder, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on December 22, 1921.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.  
cc-Bureau  
Mr. Connelley  
Chicago

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

From the various communications received from Mr. Alt concerning the attitude and requests of Assistant United States Attorney Gramling, with reference to the forthcoming prosecution of Joe Adams, Nathaniel Heller, et al, for harboring Alvin Karpis, I am convinced that Gramling has seen the political handwriting on the wall and will do everything in his power to avoid convicting Joe Adams. You will recall that Adams is the son-in-law of T. Robert Knight and that we have been advised that Knight is one of the biggest political leaders in Florida. Knight has called upon Mr. Gramling concerning this case and advised him that he, Knight, is convinced that Adams had no knowledge of the identity and history of Karpis, and that Knight criticized the action of the Bureau Agents, who were in Miami in November or December "for their failure to warn the hotel and Mr. Knight of such desperate characters". Gramling has also advised Mr. Alt that the Honorable Mark Wilcox, a Congressman from Florida, a close relative of Knight, and former employer of Mrs. Adams "will be brought to Miami for the trial of Adams whether as counsel or witness he did not reveal". I believe that this case should be taken entirely out of the hands of the United States Attorney and handled in its entirety by a Special Assistant. If you approve this procedure, a memorandum will be prepared to the Attorney General or Mr. Stanley, suggesting the desirability of this procedure. In this regard, it may be noted that Mr. Parrish of the Criminal Division, has recently been in Florida, apparently upon this case and there is some indication that a Special Assistant will be assigned to the matter, although Gramling states he will try the case.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

EAT:TAM

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 1, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR  
Re: Bremer Case

Reference is respectfully made to my memorandum of March 26, 1935, submitted in connection with the Bremer Case and with particular reference to the prosecution of Joe Adams, Duke Randall, Cash McDonald and Nathaniel Heller at Miami, upon harboring charges, in which I suggested that I believed the case should be handled in its entirety by a Special Assistant. This memorandum was returned to me with a notation instructing that a memorandum be sent to the Attorney General and Mr. Stanley. Mr. Hanson advised, however, on Saturday afternoon that Special Assistant to the Attorney General Barlow has proceeded to Florida and will take over the prosecution of this case in its entirety. Mr. Gramling stated that Mr. Barlow would make all of the necessary preparation of the case for trial, although Gramling might participate in the trial. In view of this development, and the fact that Barlow is already on the ground and Agents Hanson and McKee are contacting him as to the additional information desired, I believe we can now defer any memorandum to the Attorney General until we ascertain the attitude that Barlow takes in the case.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

REN:MAM

March 22, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Time - 9:50 a.m.

Re: BREMER CASE - Surveillance of  
Alice Conrad, New York City.

Acting Agent in Charge Whitley telephoned to advise of developments in connection with the surveillance now being conducted in the New York Office district of Alice Conrad, a prospective contact of Harry Sawyer and wife. He stated that 12 agents are now tied up on this 24 hour a day surveillance, and that he had consulted Mr. Connelley who was agreeable to withdrawing this surveillance, provided all channels of communication have been appropriately covered. Mr. Whitley stated that [redacted] therefore requested authority of the Bureau to withdraw the surveillance.

I advised him that it would be agreeable to do so unless he heard to the contrary from the Bureau.

I inquired as to contacts that had been made with [redacted] Mr. Whitley stated that [redacted] is now on the West Coast, where he has recently been released from jail, and that Agent Keating had received a personal letter from [redacted] containing information that he intended to remain on the West Coast, but in reading between the lines, it appeared that he would possibly return to New Jersey in the near future.

Relative to William Weissman, Mr. Whitley advised that this individual frequently calls upon his sister at Newark, New Jersey, and that the New York Office has a contact with an informant, [redacted] who is covering this matter for the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby  
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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
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April 3, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated March 27, 1935, addressed to you by Mr. E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge, Special Assignment, Chicago, Illinois, copy of which was personally delivered to the Washington Field Office April 1, 1935, by Mr. Newby of the Bureau. It will be noted that reference is made to a report by Special Agent B. M. Hirsh dated at Washington, D. C., February 27, 1934, the last paragraph on page seven of this report reading in part:

"The bag is being furnished the Chicago Office by registered mail under separate cover."

This paragraph concludes by stating, "These articles, concerning which Agent Levin made inquiry, were delivered to Mr. J. J. Edwards of the Identification Unit of the Division on February 26, 1934."

It is noted in the letter from Mr. Connelley to the Bureau dated March 27, 1935, that the files in this case at Chicago do not contain any record of the receipt of a black handbag or any indication that the bag in question has ever been in the possession of that office.

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The file pertaining to this case of record with the Washington Field Office contains a letter addressed to the Bureau dated March 5, 1934, which explains in detail the investigative action taken by agents of the Washington Field Office in connection with attempts to identify certain five gallon tin cans, a cap, a black handbag, a pair of goggles and a pillow. The second paragraph of that letter on page two in substance is to the effect that on the morning of February 26, 1934, Special Agent B. M. Hirsh was assigned to obtain two of the tin cans in question and proceed to Baltimore for the purpose of identifying the manufacturer of these cans. The paragraph further reads as follows:

"At the same time, Special Agent Levin was instructed to secure the other articles in the possession of the Criminological Laboratory for investigation at Washington, D. C. These articles which were loaned to Agent Levin were returned by him to Mr. Edwards on Monday afternoon at which time he made his verbal report of the developments resulting from his investigation."

On Tuesday, February 27, 1934, Agents Hirsh and Levin dictated a joint report setting forth the result of their investigations.

In view of the fact that the leather bag and the other articles were obtained by Agents Hirsh and Levin from the Criminological Laboratory where they had been sent for examination and report, they would of course be returned by the agents after they had completed their investigative work, and would not under any conditions have been forwarded direct by the Washington Field Office to any other office.

A thorough search, however, has been made of the evidence file of the Washington Field Office, but there is no indication that the black bag in question has been in the possession of this office since February 26, 1934, on which date it was returned to Mr. J. J. Edwards of the Bureau. An examination has been made of the file to see whether it contained any registration receipts but none could be located.

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The above information was verbally furnished to Mr. Coffey of the Bureau on April 2, 1935, by Special Agent Burruss at which time Mr. Coffey stated that a thorough search was being conducted with the view of locating the articles in question.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Keith*  
J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RFB:MC

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cc - St. Paul  
cc - Chicago  
cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
P. O. Box 812, Chicago, Ill.

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April 10, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the teletype message from your office dated April 3, 1935, indicating that a piece of evidence in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping; Harboring and Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act, namely, a black handbag, is not now located in your office, and making reference to the report of Special Agent Hirsh dated at Washington February 27, 1934, quoting "These articles were delivered to Mr. J. J. Edwards on February 26, 1934".

You are advised that this handbag is not at present in the Bureau and in this connection your attention is directed to the same report bearing the distinct statement by Special Agent Levin that the bag was forwarded to the Chicago office by registered mail under separate cover. In view of the fact other evidence in this case was furnished to the New York office at the same time, that office should review its file with a view to determining whether the bag in question might have been inadvertently forwarded to the latter office at that time.

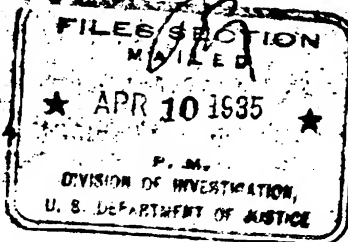
Although the report of Special Agent Hirsh may be somewhat ambiguous at the point indicated by your office, you are requested to furnish an explanation as to why the location of this piece of evidence was not inquired into at the time the undeveloped lead for the tracing of the handbag was directed to Chicago.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Washington Field,  
New York,  
St. Paul.

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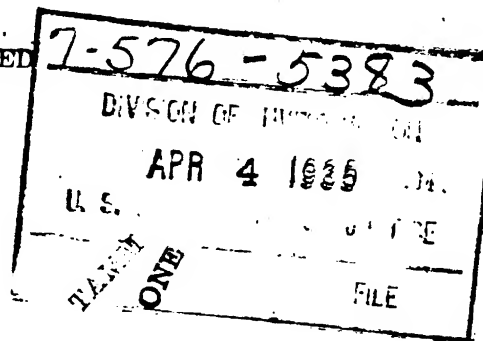
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

March 27, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: MATTHEW CLEASON - Allegations  
as to the alleged mistreatment  
by Bureau Agents.

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Dear Sir:

Please refer to my personal and confidential letter in the  
above entitled matter under date of March 16, 1935, with which was en-  
closed memorandum of Special Agent J. L. Madala, and particularly  
the first and second paragraphs thereof, indicating the date of March  
7, 1935, which should be corrected to indicate this date as February  
7, 1935, in both instances.

Also in this connection, for possible completion of the  
file with regard to the reports indicated, Agent Madala stated that it  
was his impression that when Agent K. R. McIntire left the room, he took  
with him the object in his hand, and at no time laid same upon the table.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Chicago FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/3/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/1,2/35	REPORT MADE BY: F. G. TILLMAN
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218, Fugitive; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O.1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.1241; KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT BREMER, VICTIM.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
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## SYNOPSIS:

Officials of the Uptown State Bank, Howard Avenue Trust & Savings Bank, City National Bank and Trust Company, and Lake View Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois, reinterviewed to establish the continuity of evidence regarding disposition of ransom bills previously held by them.

## REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 28, 1935.

## DETAILS:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 28, 1935, which contains information obtained by the Chicago Office in compliance with the request of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, the instant report being submitted for the purpose of setting forth the results of additional inquiries made relative to the disposition of ransom notes previously held by various banks in Chicago.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-5385	APR 5 1935
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At the Lake View Trust & Savings Bank, 3201 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Mr. William H. Bleschke, Assistant Cashier, on April 1, 1935, advised he had in his possession a list of the Bremer ransom notes exchanged at this bank, the list being his personally, and not a bank record. Mr. W. A. Brucker, the cashier of the bank, stated that the bank was credited at the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois with this sum, \$155.00, on November 7, 1934, the money being sent there on this date through Brinks Express Company, Chicago, Illinois.

The present address of Bleschke and Brucker is the Lake View Trust & Savings Bank, 3201 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

At the Uptown State Bank, 1050 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, J. W. Martin, Cashier, on April 2, 1935 advised that the Bremer ransom money exchanged at this bank was sent by Brinks Express Company to the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois on November 7, 1934, together with a letter of transmittal signed by him. A list of the numbers of the bills was not taken at the bank, although the bills were checked against the list of all the bills furnished each bank by the Bureau. John Jaskewich, the Teller who received the money originally and Mr. Martin checked the money against this list. The packaging and the actual sending of this money was done under Mr. Martin's supervision. Both Martin and Jaskewich can be reached at the Uptown State Bank, 1050 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

At the City National Bank and Trust Company, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, L. W. Calkins, Manager of the Cage Service Division, exhibited a receipt on April 1, 1935 containing the numbers of the various Bremer ransom bills exchanged at this bank by William E. Vidler, together with the other Bremer ransom bills received at the bank and sent on November 5, 1934 to the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois, and signed for at the Federal Reserve Bank by O. E. Edwards. Although Mr. Calkins wrote the receipt and placed the numbers of the bills thereon, the actual delivery was made by Fred J. Bauer, an employee of the City National Bank and Trust Company. These bills were held in the Special Service Cage at this bank by the direction of Calkins and in his custody. They were taken from there by Bauer, who made the delivery to the Federal Reserve Bank. Fred J. Bauer and Carl Zock, a Teller originally receiving the money, stated that they have no record of the numbers, the only record being that appearing on the receipt above referred to. All of the bank employees can be reached at the address of this bank.

At the Main State Bank, 1965 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Leonard Rabia, a Teller, stated on April 1, 1935 that the money exchanged at this bank was sent to the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois, pursuant to the instructions of O. J. Netterstrom, Assistant Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, through Brinks Express Company on November 7, 1934. This bank does not have a record of the numbers of the bills or any record, other than a memorandum of Mr. Netterstrom's request, and the date on which the money was sent to the Federal Reserve Bank.

At the Howard Avenue Trust & Savings Bank, 1737 Howard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Mr. W. R. Davis, Assistant Vice President, advised that he took the Bremer ransom bills exchanged at that bank to the Federal Reserve Bank personally in the early part of November, 1934. He further stated that they received a draft of \$1500 for these bills dated November 5, 1934. This bank uses the "ReKordak", a system by which a photograph is taken of every check and draft received by the bank. This photo is the only record they have of the delivery of the money, other than the appropriate debit entry on their books. Mr. W. R. Davis' present address is 1737 Howard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

At the Federal Reserve Bank, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, Mr. E. C. Coulter, Manager of the Cash Custody, on April 1, 1935, advised that he was requested by Mr. O. J. Netterstrom, Assistant Deputy Governor of the bank, to act, and he did act as a witness to the destruction of the Bremer ransom bills received at the Federal Reserve Bank from the various Chicago banks given in this report. Coulter stated that he received the money from the Paying and Receiving Teller whom he believes to have been J. B. Koberstine, a man no longer employed by the Federal Reserve Bank. Mr. Coulter brought this money to C. J. Cassleman, Cancellation Teller, by whom it was perforated and cancelled. Mr. Cassleman then brought this money to Ernest Andersen and advised him that it was Bremer ransom money and that it was to be handled as unfit money. Mr. Andersen charged this to Mrs. Esther Marten, Currency Sorter, and after sorting, she returned it to Andersen, who in turn returned it to Cassleman. Cassleman then sent half to the Redemption Agency of the Treasury Department and the other half to the Division of Loans, together with the other unfit currency handled at the same time. Mrs. Marten, Mr. Coulter and Mr. Andersen all recall the handling and destruction of the money by the Federal Reserve Bank. These persons may be reached at the address of the Federal Reserve Bank, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Post Office Drawer 1457  
St. Louis, Missouri  
April 3, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Chicago, Illinois

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, investigation  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - VICTIM 1935  
KIDNAPING

Apr 24 1935

7-576-5386

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of a telephone conversation had with you by Special Agent M. L. Shivers on April 3, 1935, please be advised that [redacted] informant has furnished the following information concerning the present location of Willie Harrison:

[redacted] advised Special Agent D. S. Hostetter that on the afternoon of March 28, 1935 she, by chance, met a former acquaintance, Bob Moran. She advised that Moran informed her during the ensuing conversation, that he had seen Harrison in Cicero, Illinois three days ago; that it was unlikely that Harrison would visit St. Louis, Missouri inasmuch as he had been informed that his family's home was being kept under surveillance by an individual who was boarding with next door neighbors. [redacted] further stated that Moran informed her that Harrison had been a sucker by becoming implicated with a group of hot gangsters in Chicago. [redacted] further advised that she furnished Moran with her present address and requested him to tell Harrison "hello" for her upon his return to Chicago and that Moran informed her he would do so. Upon being questioned, Moran informed [redacted] that Harrison could be located in Cicero, Illinois at the Twenty-five Club. Moran furnished the above information after [redacted] had informed him that there was some possibility of her visiting Chicago within the near future.

[redacted] further advised that Moran insinuated that Harrison and his associates were now temporarily divided, part of them being in Chicago, another group in Nebraska and the remaining ones in Memphis, Tennessee. [redacted] informed Agent Hostetter that the Twenty-five Club was located next door to a tailoring establishment, which Harrison formerly patronized; that she, on one occasion, accompanied him to this store, at which time Harrison purchased four suits on credit at a cost of \$90.00 each. She stated that the Twenty-five Club was more or less a saloon and could be easily located inasmuch as all drinks and sandwiches were sold for the same price, twenty-five cents.

Letter to Mr Connelley  
cc. St. Louis  
St. Paul 4/10/35 RE 7

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In reference to Bab Moran [redacted] advised that he was originally from St. Louis and more recently of Chicago and was in all probability one of Harrison's closest friends; that at one time he lived with Gus Winkler now deceased, and that he is now supposedly implicated in the killing of John C. Johnson a State witness in the Kelley Kidnaping Case at Clayton, Missouri.

The following information concerning John Russell Moran, alias Bab Moran was obtained from the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department:

Moran is at liberty on a \$20,000.00 bond furnished by him after being arrested August 8, 1934 and charged with the machine gun murder of John C. Johnson a State witness in the Kelley Kidnaping Case at Clayton, Missouri. These records further indicate that John R. Moran and Gus Winkler were arrested at St. Joseph, Michigan after being involved in an automobile accident. A newspaper article in the file indicates that Moran was indirectly associated with Killer Burke, Gus Winkler, Fred Goetz, John Connolly, Ray "Crane Neck" Nugent and Louis Waite. These records further indicate that Moran was arrested at East St. Louis, Illinois on October 20, 1930 with Thomas P. Connors, Thomas Wilders and John Britt, gangsters, gunmen and kidnapers who were suspected of being the men who shot and killed Mrs. Cora Garrison, wife of a Peoria, Illinois gambler.

The following criminal record as furnished the St. Louis Police Department by the Bureau and concerning Moran is now quoted:

"As John Moran #1427 arrested Police Department, East St. Louis, Illinois on October 19, 1934, suspected kidnaping.

As John Moran #5745 arrested Police Department, Peoria, Illinois on October 20, 1930, investigation murder.

As John Moran arrested Sheriff's Office St. Joseph, Michigan on August 12, 1931, investigation.

As John Moran #C-46457 arrested Police Department, Chicago, Illinois on February 12, 1933, charge general principles.

As John Russell Moran #21181 arrested Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri on July 5, 1933, charge robbery.

As John R. Moran arrested Sheriff's Office Clayton, Missouri on August 9, 1934, charge investigation murder, pending \$20,000.00 bond.

The above records fail to indicate a conviction.

The following description of John Russell Moran was obtained from the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department:

Name	John Russell Moran, alias Bab Moran
Age	38
Height	5 feet 10 3/4
Weight	143
Hair	Dark chestnut
Eyes	Gray, glasses
Build	Medium
Complexion	Ruddy
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A photograph of John Russell Moran was obtained from the St. Louis Police Department and is being attached to this letter for the information of Mr. E. J. Connelley. b7c b7d

The above information furnished by [redacted] should be held in the strictest of confidence because of Moran's above noted reputation, of which [redacted] is fully aware.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DSH:f

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cc Bureau  
St. Paul

REN:TD  
7-576

April 1, 1935

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to my letter dated March 9, 1935, wherein you were advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation of this Department during the course of an investigation conducted at Habana, Cuba, learned that one Cassius McDonald, who is presently under indictment at Miami, Florida on a charge of conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis, was arrested by the local authorities at Habana, Cuba.

The investigation disclosed that the American Consul interceded on behalf of McDonald and is understood to have conducted an investigation into his activities and the activities of his associates and that reports covering this investigation were placed in the confidential files of the Consulate.

This Department would appreciate an early response to its request to be furnished with information respecting McDonald and his associates, inasmuch as the prosecution of McDonald will be instituted at Miami, Florida in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

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U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 3, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE  
Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
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OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUGITIVE et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NAT'L  
FIREARMS ACT.

Further reference is made to your letter dated March 15, 1935, and my reply thereto under date of April 1, 1935, pertaining to Ford V 8 coupe, bearing motor number 775269, and Buick sedan bearing motor number 2778426.

ARTHUR NEWQUIST, Manager of the Vrba Motor Company, 5100-06 West 25th Street, Cicero, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson of this office relative to the sale of Ford V 8 coupe bearing motor number 775269, to CLARA GIBSON under the name of Irene Rogers. Arthur Newquist stated that he first became acquainted with this individual who went under the name of Clara Gray, in May, 1931. On May 27, 1931, the Vrba Motor Company sold Clara Gray a Ford coupe bearing motor number 4049820. At the time of this sale Clara Gray gave the address of 7840 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. A Buick automobile was traded to the Vrba Motor Company as part consideration for the Ford coupe referred to above. Ford coupe motor number 4049820 was sold to Clara Gray on credit. She gave the Vrba Motor Company eighteen notes, which were financed through the Universal Credit Company. The Universal Credit Company made an investigation of Clara Gray and said investigation resulted in a favorable report on Clara Gray. The account was paid in full. At the time Clara Gray made a credit application on this occasion her husband, who was subsequently determined to be RUSSELL GIBSON alias Slim Gray had never appeared at the Vrba Motor Company. Clara Gray advised that her husband was a concessionaire, and that he was absent from home most of the time.

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After the Ford coupe was purchased on May 27, 1931, Arthur Newquist advised that Clara Gray was not observed again by representatives of the Vrba Motor Company until June 7, 1933, when Clara Gray re-appeared at the salesroom of the Vrba Motor Company and purchased another Ford coupe, bearing motor number 315982, in the name of Clara Gray, giving the address of 3638 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. She paid only \$84.00 in cash, and the balance of twelve notes in the amount of \$36.40 each was financed through the National Bond and Investment Company. The National Bond and Investment Company also made an investigation relative to Clara Gray and the credit report of this company was satisfactory.

On April 19, 1934, the Ford coupe referred to in my former letter, bearing motor number 775269, and which has been confiscated by the Chicago office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was purchased by Clara Gray. Within thirty days after she purchased this automobile for cash she called at the office of the Vrba Motor Company and stated that she desired the records changed in order to reflect that the car was purchased by IRENE ROGERS, 4679 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. She gave as her reason for desiring the records to reflect that the car was purchased in the name of Irene Rogers rather than Clara Gray, that several suits were pending against her, and in order to prevent a judgment being returned against her which might be executed against the car she believed it advisable to have the bill of sale read in the name of Irene Rogers, whom she stated was her aunt. At the time the Ford coupe bearing motor number 775269 was delivered on April 19, 1934, her husband Russell Gibson was present in the salesroom of the Vrba Motor Company, and he paid the cash for the car. It was understood however, by the representatives of the Vrba Motor Company, that the automobile was being purchased for Clara Gray.

Agent Peterson exhibited to Arthur Newquist photographs of several women involved in the Bremer case, and he selected a photograph of CLARA GRAY as being identical with the Clara Gray to whom he had sold automobiles as previously described in this letter.

With reference to Buick Sedan Motor number 2778426, it may be stated that Special Agent Peterson interviewed EDWARD A. REYNOLDS, salesman of the North Shore Buick-Pontiac Company, Inc., 1030 Davis St., Evanston, Illinois. The records of the North Shore Buick Company reflect that on

December 16, 1932, a Buick automobile, model 32-91, frame number 2627133, motor number 2778426, ignition number B-539, door number B-327, tire number B-327, was sold to ESTELLE GRAY, 541 Wellington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The car was delivered on January 5, 1933. Mr. Reynolds stated that with regard to the purchase of the car, the individual known to him as Estelle Gray actually selected the Buick sedan. Her husband who was later determined to be Russell Gibson alias Slim Gray accompanied her at the time she selected the car. Mr. Reynolds stated that he was of the opinion however, that the car was actually purchased for Estelle Gray. When the car was delivered on January 5, 1932, Slim Gray called for the car alone. As previously indicated however, the bill of sale was made out to Estelle Gray. Slim Gray called at the North Shore Buick-Pontiac Company on several occasions subsequent to the purchase of the Buick sedan. On each occasion however, he drove a Ford coupe. On December 16, 1932 Slim Gray paid \$2099.00 cash for the Buick sedan. Clara Gray was with him when he paid for the car. Several photographs of women connected with members of the Karpis-Barker gang were shown to Mr. Reynolds and he readily selected two photographs of Clara Gibson alias Clara Gray as the individual to whom Buick sedan in question was sold. Mr. Reynolds stated that the true identity of Slim Gray was not learned until after he had been killed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Reynolds saw Gibson on several occasions at the Chez Paree night club and at the Dells, located near Chicago. It was his opinion that Gray was a professional gambler.

It appears from the information set forth above that Clara Gray will be able to establish ownership of the two automobiles referred to above. The United States Attorney at Chicago will be advised concerning the results of the inquiries made of representatives of the Vrba Motor Company and the North Shore Buick-Pontiac Company, Inc.

Both Arthur Newquist and Edward A. Reynolds stated that the information contained in the affidavits which they made is true.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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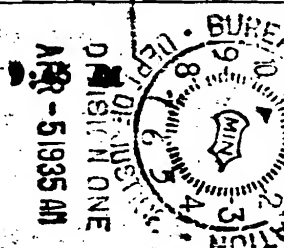
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R. E. Vetterli,  
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United States Department of Justice,  
801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

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E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Werner Hanni,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. Connelley  
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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

NITE LETTER

BREKID MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHREY EIGHT SEVENTEEN CARROLL AVENUE ST PAUL  
IDENTIFIED ALVIN KARPIS BEFORE GRAND JURY AT ST PAUL JANUARY TWENTY TWO  
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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 5, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240  
MYRTLE SATON with aliases, I.O. 1241  
OLIVER A. BEEB with aliases, FUGITIVE et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your letter dated March 27, 1935, in which you set out the results of an interview had by you with DOLORES DELANEY, concerning various baby articles which she had left in the Thomas home at the time she left there on January 16, 1935.

It is noted that in the reference letter there is no definite indication as to whether information was obtained by you from Dolores Delaney as to the final disposition of these articles, especially the fine baby buggy mentioned by you in your letter.

It is desired that you ascertain from the United States Marshal, who was instructed to have Mrs. Thomas produce all of Miss Delaney's property, just what disposition was made of all of these articles, since I am desirous of determining if possible from what source the Karpeviz family in this city obtained the baby buggy which they now have in their possession.

Kindly give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

April 5, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
FUG; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. 1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1237; FUG; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with  
aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with  
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with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1241; OLIVER A. BENG, with  
aliases, FUG; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim; KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
Chicago File No. 7-82

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the Army serial number of DR.  
JOSEPH P. MORAN be forwarded to this Office.

This number appears, together with his military record,  
in Serial No. R-460 of the Chicago file in this case, which Special  
Agent McIntire now has at St. Paul. Also return serials in possession  
of Agent McIntire to Chicago Office belonging to file here.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

R. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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April 5, 1935.

Mr. Albert Goldman, Postmaster,  
General Post Office,  
33rd Street & 8th Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

RE: BREXID MATTER

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation  
being conducted by this office you are requested to furnish  
this office with tracings of all mail received by :

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frost,  
Apt. 13-D,  
Hotel Maurice,  
145 West 45th St.,  
New York City.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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April 3, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARTS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. 1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
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with aliases, I.O. 1241; OLIVER A. HERG, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ETAL. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER, Victim. KIDNAPING-HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-NATIONAL FIREARMS  
ACT. Chicago File #7-82.

There is transmitted under separate cover two copies  
of the official highway maps of Districts 1 and 2, Division of High-  
ways, Department of Public Works and Buildings, State of Illinois,  
together with a smaller map of District 1, upon which various main-  
tenance sections are outlined in colored pencil.

These maps are referred to in the report of Special  
Agent F. C. Tillman, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 1, 1935.

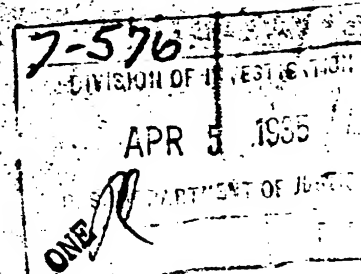
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Special Agent in Charge

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April 3, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
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aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS  
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1241; OLIVER A. BERG with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-  
ARMS ACT - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

With reference to your letter of March 26, 1935,  
please be advised that Mr. Julius J. Stein and his wife,  
Certie Stein, are still residing at 7269 South Shore Drive,  
Chicago, Illinois. These are the parties who observed Doc  
Barker in one of the hallways of that building during March  
or April of 1934, in a drunken condition and with his fin-  
gers bandaged.

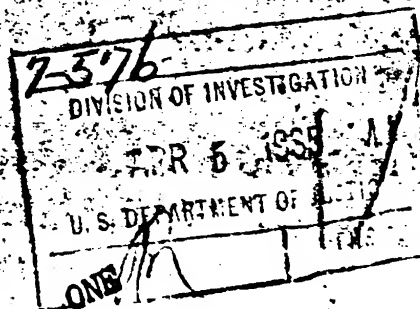
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E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E.J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
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Chicago, Illinois.

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aliases, FUGITIVE; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire,  
Chicago, Illinois, May 16, 1934, on page 19 of which it is noted that a  
small slip of yellow paper was taken from VIDLER by Special Agents Scott,  
Rice, and former Special Agent Nichols at the time of the apprehension  
of VIDLER; that VIDLER has admitted that the addresses contained thereon  
were places of business where he intended to exchange quantities of BREMER  
ransom money.

It is respectfully requested that this slip of paper be forwarded  
to the St. Paul Office immediately for purposes of trial.

Very truly yours,

D.M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 3, 1935

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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412 U S COURT HOUSE & P O BUILDING  
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

BREKID MATTER FORWARD IMMEDIATELY REPORT COVERING YOUR INVESTIGATION AND  
SURVEILLANCE OF FRANK FROST

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

RE: CJ APRIL 3 1935

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST PAUL AND E J CONNELLEY CHICAGO

REKID REFERENCE LETTER SAC CONNELLEY DATED MARCH TWENTYNINTH  
ULTIMO LAST PARAGRAPH IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BUREAU WHETHER BLACK  
HANDS IS LOCATED YOUR OFFICE

HOOPER

*Edw. H. Bremer*

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**TITLE** ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
 VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237;  
 WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
 WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
 HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
 MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241;  
 OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL;  
 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

**CHARACTER OF CASE:**  
 KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND  
 OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
 FIREARMS ACT.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Bruno Austin acquitted on State charges at Chicago, Ill., and taken into Federal custody on 3/22/35; arraigned before U. S. Commissioner at Chicago on 3/23/35; entered a plea of not guilty; hearing continued from 3/29/35 to 4/5/35; bond reduced from \$50,000 to \$15,000. Austin reported to be close associate of Leo Friedman and James McGlade, Chicago hoodlums. Detainer filed against Oliver A. Berg at Illinois State Penitentiary on 3/15/35. Mrs. Alvina Richman, formerly employed as housekeeper at Irving Hotel, identified Subjects Russell Gibson, James Wilson, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, John J. McLaughlin and Oliver A. Berg as being in one another's company at that hotel. Cliff Winters identified as an associate of Corey Bales at Aurora, Illinois, several years ago; not identical with "Tip" Nichols. "Gyp" Dawir, Aurora, Ill., promises cooperation in effecting apprehension of Volney Davis, 1934 Illinois license plates 298-438 stolen from Roy Hubbard at Aurora, Ill., in the Spring of 1934. Otto von Borries is an advertising plastic surgeon of Chicago, Ill., of unsavory reputation, but no information to date that Borries performed facial operations on hoodlums. Further investigation of Violet Downs Rest has produced no tangible results. Activities of Special Agents S.K.

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McKee and R. D. Brown at Oklawaha, Florida, reported herein. List of ransom notes held by National City Bank, Havana, Cuba, received. Report Alvin Karpis at Paradise Arms Hotel, Chicago, erroneous. E. J. Garvey, former bartender, Elmhurst Tavern, refused to identify Subjects of this case as frequenting that place.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Fla., dated 2/20/35;  
Report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3/23/35;  
Report of Special Agent W. G. Ryan, Chicago, Illinois, dated 2/19/35;  
Report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 2/3/35;  
Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Mo., dated 2/21/35;  
Report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebr., dated 3/20/35.

DETAILS:

On March 23, 1935, the United States Marshal's office at Chicago, Illinois, communicated by telephone with Special Agent R. D. Brown, of this Office, and advised that Subject Bruno Austin had been taken into Federal custody on March 22, 1935, and was to be arraigned before the United States Commissioner on March 23, 1935.

Special Agent F. G. Tillman interviewed Robert Healy, First Assistant to the State's Attorney Wilbur F. Crowley, of Cook County, Illinois, and was advised that Bruno Austin, alias Putas, alias "Whitie", was found not guilty of robbery with a gun by a jury in Judge Donald McKinley's Court on March 22, 1935.

Agent was present at the preliminary hearing held before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, Chicago, Illinois, on March 23, 1935, at which time Subject Austin entered a plea of not

guilty and his bond, at the request of the Government, was fixed at \$50,000.

Assistant United States Attorney Earl Hurley, who handled this matter for the Government, requested that he be immediately advised as to the witnesses necessary to effect the removal of Bruno Austin. A letter was immediately dispatched to the St. Paul Office, which office advised by wire and by letter under date of March 25, 1935, that United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, had furnished information that Special Agent K. R. McIntire is the only person who testified regarding Austin before the Grand Jury, who would be used in the removal proceedings. Special Agent W. C. Ryan discussed this matter with Assistant United States Attorney Hurley, advising him of the evidence in the possession of this Bureau as against Austin, and of the fact that Agent McIntire's testimony was for the most part hearsay. Therefore, it appearing that the testimony would not be admissible, it would be necessary to use Special Agent Ryan as a witness, as he had previously interviewed Austin, and the latter admitted that he was the "Whitie" who associated in Chicago with Subjects Gibann, Farmer and others.

On March 29, 1935, on the motion of the Government the removal hearing was postponed until April 5, 1935, and on the motion of the defense counsel bond was reduced from the sum of \$50,000 to \$15,000.

Although this report contains results of the interview with Assistant United States Attorney Hurley, it is not believed advisable to furnish a copy of this report to the office of the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois.

Under date of March 13, 1935, a letter was received by the Chicago Office addressed to Special Agent in Charge M. E. Purvis from John Lyons, a member of the Chicago Police Department, in which Mr. Lyons advised that Bruno Austin was a local police character who had been arrested numerous times charged with felonies, and the latest and largest crime was the robbery of a bank in the southern part of Illinois, in which his companion was Leo Friedman. Lyons stated that he did not know where Friedman was now living, but that his parents reside at 3720 West 13th Street, Chicago, and that he has an older brother who hangs out around a restaurant at 3612 West Roosevelt Road.

Special Agent R. L. Jones interviewed John A. Lyons, 3325 West Warren Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, telephone - Van Buren 9547. Mr. Lyons advised Agent Jones that he is employed by the Chicago Police Department and has been so for the past five years, and at the present time he is stationed at the Central Police Station, 1121 South State Street, assigned to night duty; that during the years 1932 and 1933 he was assigned to the Fillmore Station located at Crawford Avenue and 11th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and while working there he became acquainted with Bruno Austin, having arrested him several times. He further advised that two hoodlums, named Leo Friedman and James McGlade, were always with Austin, and because of this close association he believed that if Austin was implicated in the Bremer kidnaping case, it was possible that these individuals also have some connection with it, but that that is the only reason he had to believe that Friedman and McGlade might be implicated.

The following description was obtained by Agent Jones from the Chicago Police Department of James McGlade:

Name	James McGlade
Age	27
Height	6'
Weight	150 lbs.
Hair	dark
Eyes	blue
Complexion	sallow
Nationality	Irish descent
Characteristics	thin face, angular shoulders, slender build, and a good dresser
Photograph	Chicago Police Dept. Group Picture #371

This person can probably be located through a dentist, Larry Paul, who maintains an office at Monroe and Crawford Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Agent Jones obtained the following description of Leo Friedman at the Chicago Police Department:

Name	Leo Friedman
Age	28
Height	5'
Weight	210 lbs.
Hair	light brown
Eyes	blue
Complexion	light
Race	Jewish
Characteristics	Looks like a pugilist; nose broken; thick lips; talks out of the corner of his mouth; heavy-set and muscular.
Photograph	Chicago Police Dept. Group Picture #3559

Mr. Lyons stated that he would be glad to cooperate in the location of these individuals in the event it became desirable to question them.

On March 26, 1935, Special Agent A. A. Muzzey interviewed J. J. Broderick, Record Clerk, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, and was advised that a warrant of apprehension, issued on a complaint filed against Oliver A. Berg in the instant matter on March 14, 1935, based on a certified copy of an indictment returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, was received at the penitentiary on March 15, 1935, and that the same will operate as a detainer against Oliver A. Berg, who is at the present time incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary.

During further recent investigation conducted by the Chicago Office at the Irving Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, Special Agent F. C. Tillman learned that Mrs. Alvina Richman was employed as a housekeeper in that place from February 15, 1934 to the latter part of July, 1934. Special Agent Tillman interviewed Mrs. Richman, who is presently residing at the Sheridan-Eastwood Hotel, 4641 Sheridan Road, Chicago, at which time she executed the following signed statement, the original of which was forwarded to the St. Paul Office by registered mail on March 28, 1935:

Chicago, Illinois

March 28, 1935.

"I, MRS. ALVINA RICHMAN, make this statement to F. G. Tillman, knowing him to be a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, freely and voluntarily.

"I was employed at the Irving Hotel as housekeeper from February 5, 1934 to the latter part of July, 1934. Mr. N. J. Raskin was manager of the hotel. Hymie Raskin, Mr. Reeves and others whose names I can't remember were employed as clerks. 'Jimmie' and other colored boys were employed as bell hops. Most of the others were only temporary employees. The address of the Irving Hotel is 4849 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

"I saw a man whom Dr. Joseph P. Moran and Jimmie Wilson called 'Slim' visit them almost daily from February 5, 1934, the date I began working at the hotel, until the latter part of April, the time Dr. Moran and Jimmie Wilson left the hotel. 'Slim' is a man of about 30 to 35 years, tall, about 6 feet, dark complected, awfully thin, and rough talking. I identify 'Slim' as the Russell Gibson of whom a photograph marked, 'Russell Gibson' on the back, was shown to me by Agent F. G. Tillman on this date. On each occasion that I saw Russell Gibson he was in rooms 210 or 211 of the Irving Hotel, the rooms being rented by Moran at that time.

"About two or three weeks before Moran disappeared, I saw a man whom Moran, Wilson and Gibson called 'Izzy.' On each occasion that I saw Izzy he was either in room 210 or 211 of the Irving Hotel. I have been shown a photograph of Oliver A. Berg, marked 'Oliver A. Berg, alias 'Izzy' on the back and I identify this man as the Izzy whom I saw at the Irving Hotel.

"About the same time that I first noticed 'Izzy', I saw a man, whose name I did not hear, with Dr. Moran, Jimmie Wilson, Izzy and Slim in room 210 of the Irving Hotel. This man was about 60 years old, heavy set and of medium height. He limped and walked with a cane. I only saw him on about two occasions. I identify a photo of John J. McLaughlin, marked 'John J. (Boss) McLaughlin' on the back, shown to me by Agent F. G. Tillman as this man.

"I identify a photograph, exhibited to me by Agent F. G. Tillman, with the numbers 2382E appearing on the face, as Dr. Joseph Moran and being the Dr. Moran whom I refer to in this statement.

"The Jimmie Wilson I refer to is the person known to me as Dr. James Wilson, Dr. Moran's assistant. He is about 27 years old, medium build and height, brown hair, and pleasant.

"On about two occasions I saw men whom I now know as Dr. Joseph Moran, Jimmie Wilson, Oliver A. Berg, Russell Gibson and John J. McLaughlin, together in room 210, which was Dr. Moran's regular room.

"About three or four weeks before Moran left, some men, I don't know who or how many occupied rooms 206 and 234 of the Irving Hotel. These rooms are a suite. During the time these men occupied the rooms I never saw them as they did not come out and never allowed me to enter the rooms to clean them, which was my duty as housekeeper. I would rap at the door and they would say, 'Just leave the towels.' Then one would stick out his hand for them without allowing me to see their faces.

"I am married to Harry Richman, who is not employed at the present time and reside with him in room 9E of the Sheridan Eastwood Hotel, 4641 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of six handwritten pages and believe the contents to be true to the best of my knowledge.

(Signed) Mrs. Alvina Richman

Witness:

F. G. Tillman, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois."

The following investigation was conducted in Aurora, Illinois, on March 27, 1935, by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey, and same was dictated by him.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent G. C. Dewey, Omaha, Nebraska, dated 3/20/35, wherein the Chicago Office was requested to ascertain if the photograph of Cliff Winters, Des Moines, Iowa Police Department #3923, is identical with "Tip" Nichols, an associate of Corey Bales, Aurora, Illinois.

[redacted] who has given much information to Agent Muzzey in the past, was contacted and immediately identified the photograph of Cliff Winters as being the person whom she met in Aurora seven or eight years ago. She stated that Cliff came to Aurora from Des Moines, Iowa, and while in Aurora was associated with Corey Bales in operating the gambling at the White Rock. She further advised that Cliff Winters married a cousin of Corey Bales in Des Moines, Iowa; that he had divorced her, and is now married to a girl from Joliet and has a son four or five years of age by the second marriage. She stated that Cliff's first wife, Corey Bales' cousin, is also married again and is residing in Des Moines. She further stated that she has not seen Cliff Winters for about six years, but that his present wife visited the Fox Gardens in the Fall of 1934, but that Cliff was not with her, and she does not know his present whereabouts.

She further stated that she is well acquainted with "Tip" Nichols, he also having come from Des Moines with his wife, Hazel Nichols, and she positively stated that Cliff Winters and "Tip" Nichols are not the same person, nor does she recall Cliff ever being called "Tip."

[redacted] further advised Agent Muzzey that she has seen and talked to "Gyp" Dawir since his return from Montana where he worked as a bartender in the place operated by Corey Bales, and that "Gyp" had told her that Corey Bales knew that Volney Davis was "hot" before Corey left Aurora for Montana, and that "Gyp" had learned this from Corey while in Montana. [redacted] further stated that "Gyp" intimated to her that Corey and Volney engaged in a dice game in Montana, in which game Volney lost a huge sum of money to Corey, and intimated that the loss of the money by Volney in the dice game was merely a subterfuge; that it was for Corey Bales.

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protection in the event he was ever picked up by police and questioned as to any money he had received from Volney; that he could put himself in the "clear" by stating that he had won the money from Volney in this dice game. [redacted] further stated that "Gyp" was a little bit peeved at Corey because of the fact that Corey did not tell him that Volney was "hot", and that he did not discover how "hot" Volney was until clippings depicting Volney's escape at Yorkville, Illinois, were shown to him by Vi Gregg in Montana. "Gyp", according to [redacted] is a "right, decent fellow", and according to her, would assist the Chicago Office if approached in the proper manner.

[redacted] further stated that "Gyp" told her that Corey was in dire need; that he had even pawned the bathroom fixtures in his place of business to get money on which to live, and that he also had pawned a gun which had been given to him by Volney in Aurora. [redacted] assured Agent Muzzey that she would see "Gyp" in the future, and would attempt to get as much information from him as possible concerning Volney Davis, but was under the impression that "Gyp" did not know much about Volney, inasmuch as "Gyp" had told her that he was peeved at Corey for not telling him how "hot" Volney was.

[redacted] further stated that "Gyp" told her that Corey and Vi were so disgusted with Montana that it would not surprise him if they left there soon and went to California where Corey's brother, Glenn Bales, resides. [redacted] further stated that this brother of Corey's was in the service during the World War; that he had been injured and the last she heard of him was that he was receiving hospitalization in a Government hospital in San Francisco, California, and she understood that he has been treated there and was working in this Government hospital. The suggestion was made to Agent Muzzey by [redacted] that Corey may have told Volney about this brother of his in San Francisco, and that it is likely that Volney may at some time contact Glenn Bales in San Francisco.

[redacted] further advised that Corey Bales operated a gambling joint in Denver, Colorado, about nine years with Chuck Connors, an Aurora gambler, and that undoubtedly Corey knew people out there to whom he could send Volney.

Copies of the photograph of Cliff Winters, Des Moines, Iowa Police Department #3923, are being made by the Chicago Office, one copy to be retained in the Chicago Office file and another copy to be sent to the Bureau, and the original photograph is being returned to the Omaha Office.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey in Aurora, Illinois, on March 27, 1935, and same was dictated by him.

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent George Costello, Butte, Montana, to the Chicago Office, dated March 8, 1935, wherein it was stated that George Dawir would leave Montana for Aurora, Illinois, and requested that "Gyp" be interviewed.

Upon the advice of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley Agent Muzzey contacted "Gyp" Dawir at the Rex Cafe, 48 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois, and "Gyp" stated to Agent that his correct name was Fred Dawir, and that at the present time he was residing with "Biff" Weber, one of the owners of the Rex Cafe on the second floor of the building in which the Rex Cafe is situated. Dawir was slightly intoxicated at the time he was interviewed and was rather unresponsive to questions put to him by Agent, and it was thought best by Agent not to interrogate him vigorously, but rather to attempt to win his confidence.

Dawir stated that he was very happy to get away from Montana; that he and his paramour, Ann Miller, had led a "dog's life" in Montana, and that they had been contemplating leaving Montana a long time before they actually did. He stated that he went to Montana with Corey and Ann at Corey's suggestion, and that he, upon his arrival there, worked for Harry Rennick, operating a gambling game, and that he lived at Rennick's home for some time. He further stated that he regarded Rennick as being one hundred per cent, and would do anything in the world for him, inasmuch as Rennick had been so nice to him. He further stated that a month after his arrival in Montana, Volney Davis, whom he knew as Curley Hansen, came with Preston, who is Edna Murray's son. He knew Edna as Grace Hansen. Corey had told him prior to leaving Aurora that "Tip" Nichols had written Corey and told him that Montana would be an ideal spot for them to come to, to carry on their gambling operations, and that things in Montana were rather good for all of them prior to the time gambling was ordered stopped by Montana authorities.

Dawir further stated that while in Aurora, Illinois, he became acquainted with Volney Davis and Edna Murray, Bill Weaver, and Myrtle Eaton, knowing them as Curley Hansen and his wife, Grace,

and Bill Thornton and his wife, Myrt, but he denied knowing their true identities. However, he suspected that they were engaged in the peddling of dope.

He stated that one night he and one Pete Deking, after leaving a tavern in Aurora, went out to The Mill, a tavern located in Montgomery, Illinois, presently owned by Mat Kersch, and upon finding the door to the place locked, Deking kicked vigorously on the door and at the time of his kicking much confusion was heard on the inside, and that when they were let in by Corey Bales, Bill Thornton had two guns trained on them and Vi Gregg and Myrt Thornton had their coats on and seemed ready to make a hasty departure. He stated that he forgot about the incident inasmuch as he did not see Thornton or Myrt after that, and that Corey had never mentioned the incident again to him.

Dawir further told Agent that Corey did not tell him much about Curley, and that Corey was a "foxy" person, and he suspected that Corey did not even trust him, although he has known Corey for years.

He stated that he was present at the time Corey won about \$1,800.00 from Volney in a dice game in Montana, and that he presumed that with that money which Corey had won and additional money put up by Curley, Corey erected the Round Up Tavern. He further stated that Curley, during his stay in Montana, did not talk to him very much, and he knew very little about Curley; that most of his conversations were with Corey. Curley was a very nervous person and was continuously going places not being content to remain in any one spot for any length of time. Dawir stated that Curley, when he would go away, mentioned Kansas City and Cleveland as being cities to which he was going. Dawir stated that if Corey knew Curley was "hot" he never mentioned the fact to him, and he was of the belief all the time that Curley was peddling heroin until the day that Vi Gregg received some newspaper clippings sent to her by somebody in Aurora, whose name she did not mention to Dawir, and in which clippings the story of Volney Davis' escape was mentioned. He also ascertained Curley's true identity from posters in the police stations around Hinsdale and Glasgow, Montana, which posters are identical with Identification Orders on Volney Davis. He stated that then and there he decided to leave Montana with Ann, inasmuch as he in no wise wished to be connected with Volney Davis.

Dawir further stated that he had suspected that Corey knew that Curley was "hot" prior to this time because of the fact that Corey and Vi had both mentioned to him that their mail was being delayed and tampered with.

Dawir indicated that Corey was not as good a friend of his as he had thought; that he realized that Corey might have placed him in a very precarious position by not telling him about Curley and the fact that he was a wanted man, and also because of the fact that he has never received any money from Corey or Curley for working in the Round Up Tavern.

The possibility of Dawir cooperating with the Chicago Bureau Office seems good. He told Agent that he certainly did not wish to become involved in the matter concerning Volney Davis and would inform Agent if Volney ever tried to contact him. He stated that he could not possibly think of any place where Volney might be at the present time; that Volney was a very close-mouthed individual and did not tell him anything about any friends he had in any places. Dawir further stated that he thinks it very unlikely that Volney will ever return to Montana, and that if he does return, Corey Bales no doubt would tip him off as to the posters in the police stations, and warn him to be on his guard.

Dawir further stated that he thought that Preston Paden and Earl, whose last name he does not remember, (but who undoubtedly is Earl Stuchlick) were sent to Montana to take over the tavern operated by Corey, and that Corey had refused to assign his right and interest in the place to Preston.

It was evident to Agent that Dawir, because of his friendship for Corey Bales, does not wish to implicate Corey, but the inference is that Corey knows a great deal about Curley.

Further contact will be made with Dawir in an attempt to secure additional information from him.

The following investigation was conducted in Aurora, Illinois, on March 27, 1935, by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey, and same was dictated by him.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 21, 1935, page 65, wherein it was stated that 1934 Illinois license plates 298-438 were found in a brief case discarded by Jesse Doyle in the automobile abandoned by him prior to his surrender.

It was ascertained from the Motor Vehicle Division of the Chicago Police Department that the above mentioned license plates were issued to Roy D. Hubbard, 566 Second Avenue, Aurora, Illinois, for a Ford automobile.

At the Aurora Post Office Walter Burkell, Clerk, advised that Carrier #6, Frank Hess, served the address 566 Second Avenue, Mr. Hess, when contacted, stated that Roy Hubbard did reside at 566 Second Avenue up until a few months ago, and that his present address is 947 Oliver Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. He further stated that Mr. Hubbard was personally known to him and that he, Hubbard, formerly was a driver for the Baron-Huot Oil Company, 512 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois.

Inquiry at the Baron-Huot Oil Company disclosed that Mr. Hubbard had not been employed by that company since the first of the year, and that he operates a gasoline station of his own on Route 34, which is just outside of Oswego, Illinois. It was further ascertained that Hubbard had worked as a driver for the company for a period of two years, and that prior to that time he had been employed at the Jennings Seminary, a school for girls.

In view of the above information it was deemed advisable to openly contact Mr. Hubbard, and this was done at his place of business, the Lippold Diamond Gasoline Station, located on Route 34, one mile west of Oswego, Illinois. Hubbard stated that 1934 Illinois license plates 298-438, were the plates issued to him for a Model A Tudor 1930 Ford Sedan, which he purchased secondhand from the Crowe Evans Motor Company, River Street, Aurora, Illinois, in 1933. He further stated that in the Spring of 1934 he attended a Republican

political meeting at the Fair Grounds at Aurora, which is located a very short distance from the Fox Gardens, operated by Mat Karsch. He fixed the time of this meeting as being very shortly after the closing of the horse racing season at the Fair Grounds Race Track, but could not remember the exact date. He stated that he parked his car in the parking lot among three or four hundred other parked cars, locked it and attended this political rally; that when he drove his car away afterwards, he discovered that the license plates had been torn from the car; that in addition to the Illinois license plates being taken, there was also taken the Aurora City Vehicle license tag, which was attached to the rear license plate. Otherwise the car was not molested. Hubbard stated that he reported the loss of the license plates and the City Vehicle license tag to the Aurora Police Department, and was advised to wait a few days, and that efforts would be made to locate these license plates. He stated that he waited approximately three weeks, and was informed by the Aurora Police Department that no trace of the license plates had been discovered by the police, and was advised to apply to the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois, for a duplicate set of plates, and was further advised that it would be unnecessary for him to apply for a duplicate Aurora City Vehicle tag. This he did, and received from Springfield a duplicate set of plates bearing the number 1-011-411.

Mr. Hubbard stated that he did not know who stole the plates from his car, and that since the time of the theft of them he has never heard any more about them.

Mr. Hubbard was shown photographs of Volney Davis, Edna Murray, William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Jesse Doyle and Doris O'Connor, and he stated that he recognized the photographs of Volney Davis and Edna Murray as being persons he had seen in Aurora about the time that the plates were stolen from his car. However, he is quite positive that he did not see these people at the Fair Grounds that day. (Note: It has been ascertained, as indicated in previous reports, that Jesse Doyle and Doris O'Connor resided in Aurora, Illinois, under the name of E. A. Connley at or about the time these plates were stolen.)

Mr. Hubbard further stated that he had read about the escape of Volney Davis at Yorkville, Illinois, and that he is positive

he would recognize Volney Davis should he see him again, and advised that it may be possible that some of the above mentioned Subjects in this base might stop at his gasoline station for gas some time, and requested the telephone number of the Chicago Bureau Office, stating that he would immediately notify this Office should any of these people be seen by him. Accordingly the Chicago Bureau Office telephone number and address were given to Mr. Hubbard.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey on March 14, 1935.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. E. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 20, 1935, page 27, wherein it is stated that the business card of Dr. von Borries, plastic surgeon, was found at Alvin Karpis' Miami, Florida home.

It was ascertained that Dr. Otto von Borries maintains an office at Room 707, Butler Building, 162 North State Street, telephone Dearborn 0578; that he is a plastic surgeon and operates under the name of Chicago Face Institute, he being listed on the door of the office as the chief surgeon.

At the American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, Agent interviewed Mr. B. D. Halling, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Investigation for the American Medical Association, who informed Agent that Dr. von Borries was an advertising plastic surgeon; that he, Mr. Halling, from his investigative reports relative to Dr. von Borries, possessed the following information:

Dr. Otto von Borries was graduated in 1901 by the Kentucky University Medical Department, Louisville, Kentucky, and was licensed to practice in Illinois in 1902. He has advertised himself as a plastic surgeon in the local newspapers for years.

The Chicago Tribune of September 4, 1914 reported that a Margaret Schraek had sued Dr. von Borries for \$25,000 damages on the charge that instead of getting full cheeks and a rosy complexion from Dr. von Borries' work, she got bumps and blemishes. The same article told the case of one M. Schramm, who went to Dr. von Borries' Chicago Face Institute to have wrinkles removed, but who claimed that thereafter when getting near heat, the paraffin he had injected melted and formed into lumps under her skin. She swore out a warrant for his arrest on a charge of practicing without a license, but as he did have a license he was dismissed. He then filed suit for \$25,000 damages against Miss Schramm, who in turn filed a cross suit for the same amount for injuries caused by the operation. The outcome of these cases is not known.

The Chicago Herald for September 18, 1914 contained an item stating that Dr. von Borries had been locked up in the county jail after being held to grand jury under \$10,000 bond on charge of swindling one Mrs. Poertner, a woman from whom von Borries was alleged to have

borrowed money and given notes that were to become void in the event of her death.

The Chicago Tribune for March 26, 1921 recorded a suit brought by Miss Katherine Blakney against Dr. von Borries on the charge of malpractice. Miss Blakney is alleged to have said that while she went to von Borries to have the lower one of her two rhins removed, von Borries, instead of removing it, simply moved it over to one side.

Mr. Halling further stated that he has, under pretext, visited the office of von Borries and is positive von Borries alone carries on the business of the Chicago Face Institute; that von Borries has solicited his business, but has been discreet enough not to have made personal solicitation. Mr. Halling further stated that Dr. von Borries does not have a large practice and that his patients, in the main, are women and he has no knowledge of von Borries' possible connection with hoodlums. He further stated that von Borries is not a member of the Chicago Medical Association or the American Medical Association and that in the eyes of the medical associations Dr. von Borries has an unsavory reputation and could not possibly become a member of either medical association. Mr. Halling stated that he would be willing to cooperate with the Chicago Bureau office to the fullest extent in determining whether or not Dr. von Borries has performed any facial operations upon criminals; he, Halling, having been very happy to cooperate with the Chicago Bureau office in the past, and will communicate with the Chicago office should he obtain any information along this line.

The following investigation was conducted at Worth, Illinois, by Special Agent A. A. Muzzey on March 16, 1935.

Mr. C. C. Tobey, postmaster at Worth, Illinois, was contacted relative to a request to place a mail cover and to submit mail tracings on all mail addressed to 5800 West 111th Street, Worth, Illinois, which address is the Violet Downs Rest, known also as Gust's Place. A card bearing the latter name was found in the possession of Alvin Karpis, "Doc" Barker and Fred Barker. Mr. Tobey informed Agent that there has been an unusual decrease in the amount of mail addressed to that address and that on March 15, 1935, he submitted to the Chicago Bureau office tracings of two letters addressed to that address and had in his possession two other mail tracings which he gave to Agent. He further informed Agent that he had not as yet been able to contact any reliable person familiar with the tavern for the purpose of securing information concerning it, but that he would still attempt to do so and would notify the Chicago Bureau office when he had made such a contact. Mr. Tobey further stated that about two and one-half months ago Mr. and Mrs. Gust Solner drove up to the post office in a large Buick coupe; that Mr. Solner stayed in the car and Mrs. Solner came to the post office window and inquired as to whether or not there were any license plates for a party whose name Mr. Tobey, at this time does not recall. However, he is positive that the request as to whether or not there were any license plates was not for the Solners themselves; that the request for the plates was for another name. Mr. Tobey was questioned as to the description of this Buick coupe which Mr. Solner was driving, with the thought in mind that it might possibly be identical with that found in Fred Barker's possession at Oklawaha, Florida. Tobey stated that this Buick was not a new one, but that it was a large one and had seen some use. Mr. Tobey stated that he has not seen this Buick in the possession of the Solners since that time and does not know what kind of car the Solners are driving at the present time, but will ascertain the same and inform Agent or the Chicago Bureau Office as soon as he determines this.

Mr. Tobey further stated that Pat Healey, whose Chevrolet sedan has been seen parked at the Violet Downs Rest on two occasions that Agent has conducted investigations in that neighborhood, formerly operated the Quincy Inn on Ridgeland Avenue, which place is now not operating and it is Mr. Tobey's understanding that Healey is engaged in the distribution of beer. He further informed Agent that his

present address as reflected by his postal registration book, is 7074 South Winchester Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that a party by the name of O'Connor is also listed as residing there and receiving mail at that address.

Mr. Tobey will continue to cover all mail, incoming and outgoing, at 5800 W. 111th Street, Worth, Illinois, and submit tracings. He assured Agent that he will endeavor, in a discreet way, to learn more about the tavern.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, dated February 3, 1935 relative to a raid on the house where Fred and Katherine Barker were residing at Oklawaha, Florida. Immediately after it had been determined that Fred and Kate Barker had been killed on the morning of January 16, 1935 at Oklawaha, Special Agent R. D. Brown and Special Agent S. K. McKee were instructed by Special Agent in Charge Connelley to proceed with Special Agents Jones and Campbell to Miami, Florida by airplane in an attempt to determine whether or not Alvin Karpis and other members of the gang, including Campbell, might be located in Miami.

On February 19, 1935 Special Agents Brown and McKee proceeded to Havana, Cuba where they remained for a period of three weeks, and were unable to submit memoranda covering the respective parts played by them during the killing at Oklawaha.

The following is a memorandum submitted by Special Agent S. K. McKee relative to his activities on the morning of January 16, 1935 at Oklawaha, Florida:

This is to advise that on the early morning of January 16, 1935, the writer, together with other Agents, attached to the Chicago Division office, met you at a point near Ocala, Florida, from where a group of fourteen Agents, under your supervision, proceeded to the house occupied by Fred Barker and his mother at Oklawaha, Florida, arriving at this place at about 6:00 A. M., where previously designated stations were taken up by the various Agents. The writer and Agent R. D. Brown had been assigned to cover the south side of the Barker house from behind the Barber house, and Agents assumed their positions shortly after 6:00 A. M.

The first activity noticed in the Barker house was the lighting of the electric lights in the second floor, rear room, on the south side of the house. This occurred at 7:00 o'clock. A few minutes thereafter, the writer heard you shout to the occupants of the house, advising them that the place was surrounded by Federal officers and that they should come out one at a time with their hands up or the place would be filled with gas. At about this same time I also heard the voice of Agent J. C. White shout to the people in the house. I did not hear any reply from the occupants of the house, but immediately following your commands to them, gun fire, which I believe came from machine guns, was heard. Almost simultaneously various types of gun fire was heard I opened fire from the south side of the house with a Thompson submachine gun. After firing several bursts, however, I ceased

firing, being of the opinion that I should preserve my ammunition in the event any persons inside of the house attempted to leave same and escape along the lake shore in a southerly direction. During the time I was firing I know that Agent Brown was also firing from an opposite corner of the Barber House.

The gun fire in question went on intermittently for possibly an hour and a half, during which time I maintained my position on the side of the Barber house nearest to U. S. Highway #1, while Agent Brown maintained his position from behind this house and at a position diagonal to the one I occupied.

At about 9:30 A. M., Agent Brown approached me on the run and advised me that some people were running down the beach; that he had ordered them to stop and when they did not do so he had fired over their heads in an effort to make them stop. He asked me to come with him, which I did, and upon reaching a point possibly thirty yards in the rear of the Barber home I saw a woman running down the lake front. The woman's physical appearance and mode of dress was such that she might have been Kate Barker. At the time the writer saw this woman she was almost out of sight behind the house located on the lake front and south of the Barber house. The writer shouted to her to stop and when she did not heed these commands the writer fired past her with a machine gun. It should be stated that at the time the writer fired no effort was made to strike this woman.

As soon as this woman was hidden from sight when she ran behind the house in question, Agent Brown suggested that the writer cover this house from the position in rear of same, while he went further down the beach in an effort to definitely ascertain whether this woman was Kate Barker. The writer covered this house for possibly ten minutes, following which Agent Brown returned and advised that he had questioned residents in the vicinity and had learned that the woman in question was a Mrs. Westbury, who occupied the lake front house next south of the Barker house. Both the writer and Agent Brown then returned to their positions in the vicinity of the Barber house. This position was maintained until about 1:00 P. M. when both Agent Brown and myself were advised by you that the Barker house had been entered and that both Fred and Kate Barker had been found dead.

I entered the Barker house after this information had been obtained and viewed the body of Kate Barker, noticing that she still had one of her hands on a Thompson submachine gun, to which was attached a 100 bullet drum; also, the body of Fred Barker with a similar

machine gun and a 50 bullet drum lying nearby. In company with Agent Jones, I lifted the body of Fred Barker and helped search his person for information of value in locating other fugitives in this file, but nothing was found.

Shortly after this incident Agents R. D. Brown, C. C. Campbell, R. L. Jones and myself, on your instructions, departed from the vicinity of the shooting and proceeded to Ocala, Florida, from which we traveled to Miami, Florida, by chartered plane for the purpose of conducting additional investigation at that point.

The following is a memorandum dictated by Special Agent R. D. Brown as to his activities at Oklawaha, Florida on January 15, 1935:

The investigative activities of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, accompanied by Special Agent R. D. Brown covering the location of the house occupied by Kate and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, and up to the raid on this house on the morning of January 16, 1935, is fully covered in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, dated February 3, 1935.

At about 6:00 A. M. on the morning of January 16, 1935 the various Agents who took part in this raid arrived in the vicinity of the Barker home at Oklawaha, Florida and took their places at the points designated for them by Special Agent in Charge Connelley. Special Agent R. D. Brown and Special Agent S. E. McKee were assigned to stations in the rear of the Barber house, which was located at a point approximately 200 yards southeast of the house occupied by the Barkers, and at a point where Agents McKee and Brown could cut off any avenue of escape between the lake shore and the Barber house. Special Agent in Charge Connelley instructed Special Agent R. D. Brown to advise anyone occupying the Barber home and the Westbury home, which was the next house adjacent to the Barber house, located nearest the lake, to leave their homes until after the occupants of the Barker house had been apprehended.

It was still dark when Agents took their places at 6:00 A. M. Special Agent R. D. Brown cautiously proceeded to the Westbury home and rapped on the rear door. There was no response and after rapping for several moments, Agent called into the house advising that United States Department of Justice Agents were going to attempt to arrest persons living in the Barker house. It was necessary for Agent Brown to speak softly in order not to arouse the persons residing in the Barker house. However, a woman's voice sleepily answered back advising Agent not to bother them. Agent Brown then advised them that there would be some

shooting and it was his advice that they leave at once. The only reply Agent received was, "Alright." Agent then returned to the Barber house where Mrs. Barber, who was sleeping in the back room was advised it would probably be advisable for her to leave the house. Mrs. Barber had been previously advised that a raid was contemplated on the Barker house and she stated she thought that she would be safe in her back room. However, about an hour later, after the shooting started, she left the house by the rear exit and proceeded to the town of Oklawaha, which was only a short distance away.

Special Agent S. K. McKee was armed with a Thompson sub-machine gun. He then took his place behind a concrete pillar of the right front corner of the Barber house. Special Agent Brown took his place armed with a .351 automatic rifle in the rear of the Barber house, in order to cover anyone who might escape from the south side of the house by way of the lake front and anyone who might attempt to reach the garage, which was located about twenty yards south of the Barker house. Special Agent McKee was to cover any one who attempted to reach the lane which divided the Barker and Barber houses. The first activity noted in the Barker house was the lighting of the electric lights in the rear room of the second floor on the south side of the house. This occurred at approximately 7 A. M., at which time it was getting light. A few minutes after 7 A. M., Special Agents Brown and McKee heard Special Agent in Charge Connelley shout to the occupants of the house, advising them that the place was surrounded by Federal officers, and requesting them to come out of the house one at a time with their hands in the air, and if they failed to do so the house would be filled with gas. A short time after this, Agents Brown and McKee heard the voice of Special Agent J. C. White shouting to the people in the house. No reply was heard for approximately a moment, other than gun fire, which apparently was coming from machine guns. Special Agent Brown believes that a volley of at least fifty shots was fired at this time in short bursts. Almost simultaneously various types of gun fire were heard. Shortly after this burst of fire, Agent saw the shadow of a figure in one of the south side second story rooms and heard another burst of machine gun fire, indicating possibly that it came from the inside. On this occasion I fired twenty shots from the .351 rifle at the windows of the room located on the second floor of the Barker house. He could also hear Special Agent McKee firing with the Thompson submachine gun. Shortly after this Agent fired another burst of twenty shots into the same room. At this time he had remaining only two loaded clips. Agent, therefore, decided to preserve the ammunition until such a time as some occupant of the house should attempt to escape by way of the lake front or the lane in front of the Barber home. It was this Agent's opinion at that time that occupants would attempt to reach the small two-car garage immediately south of the house and therefore this exit of the house was watched particularly.

The gun fire went on intermittently for approximately one and one-half hours during which time Agent maintained his position at the south side of the Barker house. Special Agent McKee also maintained his position.

At about 9:30 or 9:45 A. M. Agent suddenly noticed a woman dressed in a house dress (from a distance), answering the description of Kate Barker fleeing along the lake front in the rear of the Westbury house. The distance was approximately 175 yards and as the ground sloped somewhat toward the lake, Agent was unable to get a good view of the woman until she had progressed approximately 50 feet. Agent immediately called upon her to stop and warned that he would shoot. She failed to stop so Agent shot a burst of ten bullets from a rifle. The shot was aimed over her head and went into the lake. At this time she stumbled and fell. However, Agent was certain he had not hit her as he had aimed much too high. He then called to Special Agent McKee, who also saw the woman as she was getting up. The woman continued to run and Special Agent McKee was also of the opinion that her physical appearance and dress suggested that she might be Kate Barker. Agent McKee and this Agent both fired a volley in the direction of this woman, but by this time she was nearly out of sight and was approaching the rear of a house located adjacent to the lake shore approximately 300 yards away. At the time Special Agents McKee and Brown fired they made no attempt to hit the woman, the attempt being to cause her to stop.

As soon as this woman was hidden from sight behind the house, Agent Brown suggested that Agent McKee proceed about 25 yards in the rear of the Barker house to a tree where he could cover both the Barker house and the house where this woman had disappeared. Special Agent Brown then ran around this house where the woman had disappeared, but was unable to find anyone. Agent then proceeded to the next house, adjacent to the lake and above the house in question and hurriedly conferred with one of the neighbors, who came to the rear window, as to the identity of the woman who had been running along the lake front, and Agent was immediately told that it was a woman from the Westbury house. This investigation consumed approximately ten minutes after which Agent Brown returned to the point where Agent McKee was guarding both houses and informed Agent McKee of the mistaken identity, after which both Agents returned to their original posts in the vicinity of the Barker house. At approximately twelve o'clock noon, Special Agents Brown and McKee heard a volley of shots, apparently coming from Special Agents posted at various points around the house. He then emptied a twenty cartridge clip into the upper room of the house and waited until approximately one P. M. when Special Agent in Charge Connelley came and informed Agents that both Kate and Fred Barker had been found dead inside the house.

At approximately 11 A. M. Special Agent in Charge Connelley, before the last visit above mentioned, called at the posts where Special Agents McKee and Brown were stationed and inquired as to whether or not we had seen anyone leave the house. We both informed that no one had left the house to our knowledge and that we were certain that no one got away. However, the incident about the woman running along the beach was then related to him.

Special Agents Brown and McKee then entered the Barker house and viewed the body of Kate and also the body of Fred Barker, at which time it was noted by both Agents that Kate Barker had in her hands a Thompson submachine gun attached to which was a 100 bullet drum. Also the body of Fred Barker with a machine gun by his side, which gun contained a fifty bullet drum, was viewed by Agents.

Special Agent Brown then assisted Agents Jones and McKee in lifting the body of Fred Barker and removing from his pants' pocket a leather wallet. It was deemed advisable to remove this wallet in view of the fact that a county sheriff and two of his deputies and two other persons unknown to Agent had then entered the room to view the corpses. Before turning the wallet over to Agent Connelley it was hurriedly searched for evidence, but nothing was found therein, other than a quantity of money which was not counted by Agent Brown, and which was turned over to Special Agent J. L. Madala as requested by Special Agent in Charge Connelley.

Immediately thereafter Special Agents Brown, Campbell, Jones and McKee, on instructions from Special Agent in Charge Connelley, departed for Ocala, Florida from which point we departed by Blue Bird airplane for Miami, Florida.

Acting Special Agent in Charge Whitley, New York, telephoned the Chicago Bureau office at 7.38 P.M. March 21, 1935, and advised Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley that ALICE CONRAD, whom they were watching in New York City, had indicated nothing by her actions to further the belief that she would make efforts to contact GLADYS SAWYER; that they have a very satisfactory cover of this situation through the mails and telegraph, and also the janitor on the premises; that they did not believe a close surveillance of her was warranted, in view of this situation, and that if it was agreeable to Special Agent in Charge Connelley they would have Agent Suran return to Chicago, and discontinue the close surveillance which was then being maintained.

It was indicated that as far as Special Agent in Charge Connelley was concerned, he did not believe any intensive surveillance of this woman was desirable, in view of the situation indicated; that possibly such surveillance if detected by her might even make her hostile to us, and that they should communicate with Mr. Newby of the Bureau as to his ideas in the matter, the surveillance having been suggested by the Bureau, at which time it should be indicated that as far as the plans at Chicago were concerned, it would be agreeable to cover this as they planned to do, and that Agent Suran should return to Chicago.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, accompanied by other Agents concerned in this activity, on the early morning of March 10, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois.

At 1:45 A.M. on March 10, 1935, Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau telephoned in and advised that a party who identified himself as Don Wilson living in apartment 2-B, 4102 Madison Street, and claiming to be a gambler who knows Alvin Karpis by sight, had called the Bureau advising that Karpis would be at the Paradise Arms Hotel, Washington Boulevard, within the next half hour, and that he would be there until about 7:00 A.M.; further, that he would be registered under the name of Fagan.

At 2:20 A.M., Agent, together with Special Agent in Charge Ladd and Special Agents Barber and Madala, proceeded immediately to 4102 West Madison Street and found this address to be a candy store. At this time no apartment could be located in the name of Don Wilson at this address or the immediate vicinity, there being no apartment 2-B found nor anyone listed on the various mail boxes in that vicinity by the name of Don Wilson. The Paradise Arms Hotel is located at 4114 Washington Boulevard, which is very close to the address above indicated, and Agents thereafter immediately proceeded to this address, it having been arranged for Agents Brown, Ryan, Tillman, Abbaticchio, McRae, Woltz and Boardman immediately upon arriving at the office to proceed to the vicinity of the Paradise Arms Hotel, where they would be contacted by me, no action to be taken, however, until I had arrived at the second scene of possible activity.

Upon arrival at the hotel, after a general observation of the place, contact was had with C. C. Buckley, clerk on duty, and Dave Goldman, bellboy on duty, and arrangements were made to have Raymond Sher, the manager of the hotel who lives at 5316 West Washington Boulevard, return to the hotel at once, he having left the hotel shortly before 3:00 A.M. Immediately the other Agents arrived at the scene of the activity, they were placed to suitably cover the front and rear of this hotel for the possible exit of any of the subjects if they were located in the building.

Upon making inquiry, it was learned that no one was registered at this place under the name of Fagan, nor had anyone recently registered who could not be accounted for from the previous evening up until about 3:30 A.M. However, it was learned that there was registered at this hotel in room 212 under the name of Ray Miller, one C. M. Weigenbaum, and in connection with two individuals located in the lobby of this hotel, it was ascertained that they were police officers E. Foley and E. Conway, headquarters Chicago Police Department, and that they were planted at this time

expecting the return of Feigenbaum. They also indicated at this time that they had a plant on the garage located at 4245 Lake Street where Feigenbaum stored his car, which garage was connected by direct line with the hotel, and that they were endeavoring to arrest Feigenbaum in connection with a stolen automobile which he had apparently stolen and stored here in Chicago for about one year, selling same on the previous day to an individual in Chicago, the stolen character of the car being determined when he endeavored to register same. These officers had been on duty at this hotel from 9:00 P.M., March 9, 1935, awaiting the return of this individual, and the personnel of the hotel was aware of what they were doing. Officers Foley and Conway indicated that upon arrival at the hotel they had searched the room of Feigenbaum and found it empty, although his lights were on and both of his overcoats were apparently hanging on the door.

After suitable inquiry of all the personnel of the hotel available, it was determined that apparently no one answering the description of Karpis, or any of the other subjects involved in this case, was located in the building. It was ascertained, however, that some time earlier that night a call had come through the hotel asking to be connected with the garage through the hotel's direct line and this party on the line had made inquiries as to whether anybody was waiting at the garage. A police officer there answered the phone and told the party calling that there was nobody there waiting for anyone.

There are located in this hotel two public telephone booths which only operate with slugs purchased at the desk of the hotel, they being located inside a door out of view of the parties in the lobby, and by calling from the first booth to the long distance operator, the number of the telephone in the first booth being Kedzie 0917, it was ascertained that a call had been made at about 1:30 A.M. by a Don Wilson, from this booth to Washington, D. C., indicating that apparently while the police officers were waiting in the lobby a party, probably Feigenbaum or a friend of his, had slipped into this telephone booth and made the telephone call in question to Washington, as before referred to as received by the Bureau and telephoned to us by Mr. Tamm. It was not determined just what the purpose of this communication was. However, it might have been for the purpose of arousing confusion in the place in order that Feigenbaum might get out of the building, although apparently he was not in when we arrived there, indicating that possibly some member of the personnel of the hotel had warned Feigenbaum a check was made of all persons to whom they had sold telephone slugs on this evening; however, four could not be accounted for and it was not determined whether or not these had been used by some member of the personnel of the hotel in making the call, or whether the party who actually made the call had used same.

Detailed questioning was had of C. G. Buckley, the clerk on duty, Raymond Sher, the Manager of the hotel, and Dave Goldman, the bell boy, without obtaining any information as to who had made the call in question. However, it was ascertained from Mr. Sher that approximately nine months ago somebody had reported that a gun could be found in room 306, which is the room being used by Feigenbaum, who, however, had moved a day or so before this to another room, and a large squad of Chicago police had raided the hotel; that he suspects possibly the divorced wife of Feigenbaum was responsible for these calls, as she frequently came to the hotel and caused scenes by quarreling with her husband, Feigenbaum; also, about three or four weeks ago somebody telephoned the Chicago police, advising that Alvin Karpis could be found at the hotel and that twelve squads of police officers, at about 10:00 P.M. on this night, surrounded the block and raided the hotel, without finding anything.

Feigenbaum has a girl by the name of Jean, who stopped at the hotel and with whom he is apparently intimate; however, she has been gone for approximately two months at this time.

An examination of the room of Feigenbaum in the presence of the police officers above mentioned, indicated that he is apparently Nate M. Feigenbaum, it being noted that he has been located previously at 1055 South Central Park Avenue, Chicago; also, there was found a registration of an automobile to C. M. Feigenbaum, 4652 West Jackson Boulevard, title No. 574327-TR, Illinois, for Ford tudor sedan, 1933 model, motor No. 18423607, dated April 11, 1934, same being indicated as transferred 11/8/34 to Ray Miller, 4649 Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, being notarized by C. M. Feigenbaum. There were also located various receipts of Mrs. Feigenbaum, 4760 West End Avenue, in amounts of \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00, apparently being for alimony paid by him to his wife. There was also found a registration dated January 28, 1935, for Illinois license No. 512756 for the above indicated car, issued to C. M. Feigenbaum, indicating his 1934 license as being No. 574327. There was also found a memorandum signed "Don, April 28, 1934", giving an address of 4301 West Monroe; also, a memorandum by "Don" on March 20, 1934, indicating Mrs. Feigenbaum charged drunk and disorderly, fined \$25.00 and costs by Police Magistrate Bert Openschlager, officers Struer and A. G. Wageman. There was also an envelop with the return address of Francis J. Sullivan, Attorney, all of which indicated conclusively the identity of this party concerned who was being sought by the police above referred to in connection with the above automobile. Subsequently, on Monday, March 11, 1935, Feigenbaum was taken into custody by the Chicago Police and interviewed briefly by Special Agent

R. D. Brown, who will report this.

Special Agent in Charge Alt of Jacksonville, advised in a telephone conversation on March 16, 1935, that Frankie Foster had been located living under the name of Frank Frost, Miami Beach, Florida, having registered into a hotel there on January 3, 1935, and that the matter was being covered by Agent B. F. Fitzsimmons. He was advised that we would forward to him pictures of the wife of Foster for his assistance in covering these parties in a suitable manner and to determine who might be contacting them without allowing them to become aware of the surveillance. Subsequently, the Los Angeles office was requested by telegram to forward immediately to the Jacksonville office pictures of Foster's wife previously forwarded to them by the Chicago office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. L. Madala at Dixon and Chicago, Illinois on March 29, 1935.

The report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 30, 1935, reflects that E. J. Garvey was employed as a bartender in Elmer Farmer's tavern from December, 1933 to March, 1934, during which period Victim Bremer was held captive in Harold Allderton's home in Bensenville, Illinois. Numerous inquiries in the town of Bensenville disclosed that Garvey had left there in October of 1934 and went to live with his sister at Manly, Iowa. A lead was set out for the Omaha Bureau Office to locate and interview Garvey at that place. On March 29, 1935 the Omaha Office wired Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, advising that E. J. Garvey was presently residing with his sister, Mrs. J. W. Tusha, at Dixon, Illinois, or was possibly working in Bensenville, Illinois.

At Dixon, Illinois it was ascertained at the post office that J. W. Tusha is residing at 721 East Fellows Street. E. J. Garvey was located at this address and was interviewed by Agent. After a few minutes of questioning it was very obvious that he was not telling the truth. He appeared extremely nervous and was somewhat reluctant to view the photographs exhibited to him. In view of this Agent deemed it advisable to bring him to the Chicago Bureau Office for further questioning.

At the Chicago Office Garvey was interviewed intermittently by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran, and this agent. He advised that his full name is Emmett J. Garvey and that he has been residing with his sister at Dixon, Illinois since January of this year. He stated that he first came to Bensenville in 1927 from Austin, Minnesota and went to work for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company as a brakeman; that during that year he became acquainted with Elmer Farmer, who was manager of the Raymond Hotel in Bensenville, Illinois, where he was staying. Garvey stated that to his knowledge this hotel was owned by Elmer and Jim Farmer and their sister, Mrs. Barry Brandt; that the Farmers lost the hotel in either 1928 or 1929, after which Elmer Farmer commenced a restaurant business across the road from the roundhouse of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in Bensenville; that this restaurant was called the Green Front Cafe. Garvey stated that he was laid off by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company in 1932 and since that time he has been doing odd jobs in and around Bensenville.

In the latter part of 1932 Elmer Farmer sold the Green Front Cafe to his brother, Jim, and when Garvey lost his job with the railroad Jim employed him in this restaurant as a night chef. Garvey further related that in December of 1933 he replaced Michael O'Connor as bartender at Elmer's Tavern on East Green Street in Bensenville; that O'Connor went to Denver, Colorado and Farmer asked him, Garvey, to work in O'Connor's place until he returned. Garvey stated that he worked for Elmer Farmer from December, 1933 to March 15, 1934, at which time O'Connor returned to Bensenville; that thereafter he, Garvey, did odd jobs for Elmer Farmer, doing such work as painting, repairing, etcetera; that he lived at the Fox Hotel in Bensenville during this time and spent most of his time in Elmer's Tavern.

Agent exhibited to E. J. Garvey photographs of all the suspects in this case but he could not or would not identify any of them as persons he had seen around Elmer's Tavern, either while he was working there or during the time he was hanging around the place. He was unable to recall any unusual activity in Elmer's place during the period that Victim Bremer was held captive, and stated that the first he knew of the instant kidnaping was when it came out in the newspapers a few months ago. Garvey advised that his hours while at Elmer's place were from 12:00 o'clock noon to midnight; that on a few days Farmer sent him home about 9:00 P.M., at which time Farmer stayed there until closing time.

Garvey advised that the patrons of Elmer's Tavern were mostly railroad men and that very few out of town persons frequented the place. He admitted knowing Harold Allderton and advised that Allderton formerly worked as a bartender for Harold Conliff in Bensenville; that prior to that time Allderton was employed at the roundhouse of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company. He further stated that Allderton likewise spent considerable time in Elmer's Tavern. Garvey denied knowing Fred Goetz, Byron Bolton, Alvin Karpis and other members of this gang and disclaimed knowledge that Farmer was associated with the syndicate of Chicago.

Garvey was interviewed at great length with reference to this case but no information of value could be obtained from him. He appeared to be extremely nervous throughout the entire interview and presented every indication that he was not telling the truth and that he was withholding information.

A letter was directed to the St. Paul Bureau Office under date of April 1, 1935 furnishing them with a summary of the above information.

Under date of February 21, 1935, Mr. F. J. Dawson, of the National City Bank, Havana, Cuba, forwarded to Special Agent S. E. McKee of this Office a list of the numbers taken from the batch of \$10.00 bills, totalling \$10,000, which was being held at the National City Bank, an examination of which disclosed that these bills bore the serial numbers identical with those appearing on the ransom notes. By memorandum submitted by Special Agent McKee, under date of March 7, 1935, Agent McKee advised that Mr. R. E. Newby had retained two photostatic copies of this list for the Bureau files. The Chicago Office has furnished the St. Paul Office with photostatic copies of the list. A letter has also been directed to the St. Paul Office requesting that they contact the United States Attorney at St. Paul to determine what action he desired to take in connection with this ransom money, inasmuch as it had been sequestered by the officials of the National City Bank at Havana, Cuba, pending further advice as to what disposition should be made.

In connection with the cover being maintained on all telegrams addressed to Mr. or Mrs. John Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Welch, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Chicago, Illinois, advised Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd on March 20, 1935, that on that date a telegram had been received from Jacksonville, Florida, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, reading as follows: "WHY HAVEN'T I HEARD FROM YOU HOW IS THE BABY" signed "DOLORES DELANEY." Mr. Welch stated that he would continue the cover maintained on telegrams going to this family, and would promptly advise this Office in the event any additional telegrams were received. The telegram of March 20, 1935, appears to have no value in determining the present location of Alvin Karpis or other Subject in this case.

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alias "Tip"

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29 years in 1923

5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 193 lbs. Hair Dk. Brown.  
Eyes Blue. Auto Mechanic.

Charge D.O.R.

Des Moines, Ia. gambler & friend of Corey Bales, of  
Aurora, Ill.

REN:TD

April 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1212,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O.#1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1257, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1252; WILLIAM  
WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.#1258; HARRY  
SAYLER, with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM  
J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1259;  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.#1241.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated March 11, 1935, in-  
structing that separate summary reports be submitted upon each of  
the individuals who has been indicted in connection with the above  
entitled case.

Please advise the Bureau the progress which has been made  
in the preparation of these reports.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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7-576-5391  
DIVISION OF  
APR 4 1935  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

cc-E. J. Connelley  
FILES SECTION  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 22, 1935, transmitting a small piece of cardboard in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive I.O. #1218; Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases I.O. #1232; Harry Campbell with aliases, I.O. #1234; Volney Davis with aliases, I.O. #1237 - Fugitive; et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

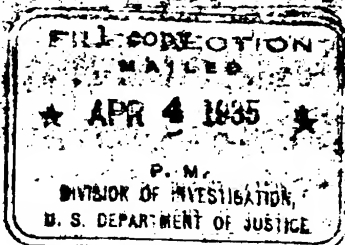
It is noted that in this communication your office requested a search of the Bureau's modus operandi file. It does not appear that any information appears in this letter to indicate facts upon which a search of the modus operandi file can be made. In this connection you are referred to Section 24 of the Manual of Instructions which indicates the information needed to effect a search of the modus operandi file.

Very truly yours,

RECORDED

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 3714

Laboratory Report

April 2, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases; Dr. Joseph P. Number: 7-576-5170.  
o Moran, I. O. #1232, et al; Edward George  
o Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

Specimens: One exploded cartridge case REM UMC .32 - 7.65 m/m.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office.

Date received: March 25, 1935.

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by: Parsons

This cartridge case has been compared with all specimens of the same type contained in the Laboratory file and also with test shells from the .32 calibre automatic pistols recovered from Edna Murray and Volney Davis, and has been found identical with the test cartridge cases taken from the .32 calibre automatic pistol #404724 previously submitted to the Laboratory as having been recovered from Edna Murray.

This shell will be filed in the Laboratory for possible future reference.

3-Director.  
2-Kansas City.  
1-St. Paul.  
1-Chicago.  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, I.O. #1232, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

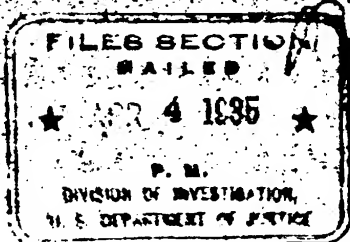
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division March 25, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #315745.  
cc - St. Paul.  
cc - Chicago.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **7-2 EJS**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NASHVILLE, TENN.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-4-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-30-35 4-1-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LOUIS De NETTE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE - I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. 1235; JOHN DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I. O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases - I. O. 1241; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - NATIONAL FIRE- ARMS ACT. HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</b>	
<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Examination of checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposits and safety deposit box holders at Broadway National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, discloses no known member of Karpis-Barker gang now has or ever had any account there. Cashier states W. H. Bradford, father of Carson Bradford, as well as Carson Bradford himself, carried accounts there up to five or six years ago and suggests checks found in Oklawaha, Florida, hang-out were probably old checks used by them. Signed statement of Harry Cook, Kewanee, Tennessee, reflects Cook has known Adams several years and at Adams' request consented to purchase 1934 Tenn. license plates and mail to Adams at Miami, for Adams' friends who were hauling liquor. Paper given to Cook by Adams denoting for whom plates were to be purchased and description of car not available. Cook denies knowing Bahdall but admits receiving and retaining \$50.00 from party who knew Adams. Signed statement</p> </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p><i>C. L. Davis, Com. 3-19-35</i></p> </div> </div>			
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of Frank Jennings, Etowah, Tennessee, indicates he purchased license plates in Athens, Tennessee at Cook's request for unknown party. Signed statement of Roy Arp describing unknown parties' actions at filling station. Bank employees do not recall Cook asking if \$50.00 was good. Records at Athens, Tennessee, reflect 1934 Tenn. license plates 309-881, motor # 2884746, new Buick Sedan, registered in name of T. C. Blackburn, Etowah, Tennessee, November, 1934. Cook has no criminal record in McMinn County, Tennessee.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, 2-20-35.

DETAILS:

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Agent Louis De Nette, accompanied by Agent T. E. Rowe, interviewed C. C. Potter, Cashier of the Broadway National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee who called in Dave Brantly, general bookkeeper, and instructed him to check every name furnished by agents to determine if any of them now carried or ever had carried any kind of an account with the bank or if there was any record of any of them ever having had any kind of transaction with the bank.

The day being Saturday, and what the bank terms a "short day", Mr. Brantly said he could not make the check that day but if a list of the names were left with him, he would do so the following Monday. Agents prepared a complete list of every name and alias appearing on the caption of the reference report and left it with Mr. Brantly.

Cashier Potter advised that up to five or six years ago J. H. Bradford, father of Carson Bradford, as well as Carson Bradford himself, maintained a checking account at the Broadway National Bank. At that period, he said, Mr. Bradford lived in Florida and at times occupied the house at Oklawaha, Florida, subsequently rented by Carson Bradford to the Barkers. Mr. Potter expressed the belief the checks on the Broadway National Bank found in the Oklawaha house had been left there by the Bradford family. He said if the checks at the dating place had the printed figures "192-" they were from old pads, as all checks used after the beginning of the year 1930 have the printed figures "193-" at the date line.

The list of names furnished to Bookkeeper Brantly was returned to the Nashville Office with notation by him that he had checked each name against all checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit and holders of safety deposit boxes, and did not find that any one of these persons now maintained or ever had maintained any kind of account at the Broadway National Bank or had ever transacted any business with that Bank.

AT ETOWAH, TENNESSEE

Harry Cook, who operates the Etowah Service Station, Etowah, Tennessee, was contacted by this agent on April 1, 1935, and executed the following signed statement:

Etowah, Tenn.

4-1-35.

I, Harry Cook make this free and voluntary statement to Special Agent H. F. Small, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. No promises or threats induced me to make this statement and I know it could be used against me in a Court of law.

I have know Joe Adams since 1931, when I first met him in Etowah, Tenn. Adams used to come here and visit his mother, Mrs. Laura Adams, and his two children Joe Jr. and Laura, who still live with J. A. Fowler, a locomotive engineer on the L. & N. R. R. Adams used to come to my filling station and buy gas and oil for his car and we became friendly. At that time, 1931, I think Adams lived in Louisville, Ky. because he used to have Jefferson County Kentucky license plates on his car. As Adams came back and forth on his visits to his mother and children he would look me up and we thus became good friends.

I am twenty-eight years old, born in Knoxville, Tenn. I am not married but reside with my mother, Mrs. J. J. Cook, Etowah, Tenn. I have never been arrested. I have been operating service stations in Etowah since 1931, and at present operate the Etowah Service Station in this town.

Sometime during December 1934, I am not sure, while Joe Adams was here on a visit, he came to my station and asked me if I would get him some Tennessee license plates for a Buick car, and he gave me the name of the party on a piece of paper whom I was to get the plates for, which name I do not recall, nor have I the piece of paper now to the best of my knowledge. Adams told me to get the plates and send them to Miami, Fla. Adams told me at the time that these plates were for some fellows who are running whiskey between

the North and South, going through Cincinnati on their trips. I said "Joe, that will get me in trouble--that's not right" He then said "Well will you get me the plates" and I said that "I would", as long as he wanted them badly.

Adams gave me as I recall \$5.00 and I think the plates cost me \$3.00, however the record at Athens would show what was paid.

After Adams gave me this money, he left Etowah, and I have never see him since. A few days after my conversation with Adams, a party named Frank Jennings, came to my station, he lives in Etowah and informed me he was going to Athens, Tenn. I asked him to get the plates for me and gave him the piece of paper with the name on for whom he was to get the plates. This was the same name and paper that Adams had given me, with the motor number on it and description of the car.

Jennings got the plates in Athens, at the County seat and brought them back to me on the same day. I mailed the plates to Adams in a couple of days at the hotel address he had given me. I can't recall the name of that hotel.

Sometime after Christmas as I recall, I know it was after Christmas because my girl friend Winnie Hamby, gave me a leather jacket and I was wearing it on this night and while I was attending a movie in Etowah, I got a telephone call from my gas station. I thought it was from Roy Arp, who works for me at the station, asking me to come down to the station as there was some fellow who wanted to see me right away. I excused myself and went to the station.

There I met two men, one was a thin-faced fellow that I did the talking to. The other one I paid no attention to. All that I can remember about the thin faced fellow as far as description is concerned is that he had a sharp nose. The fellow driving the car wore glasses.

The thin faced fellow came up to me and said "Do you know Joe Adams" I replied "Yes" He then said "Joe Adams is a good friend of mine" and I said "Adams is a good friend of mine and when he comes to town buys gas from me and I think he's a fine fellow" "I know Joe's mother and she is a fine woman and very respectable. The thin-faced fellow, not the one wearing glasses asked me "Didn't you buy some plates (license) for Adams" I told him I had. I noticed the car they were driving, it was a 1934, V8, Ford, two door sedan, with a black body. I don't recall whether the car was a Coach or sedan definitely, but I

remember it had a Georgia license on it. I said to the thin-faced fellow after noticing the car was muddy "You fellows came over some muddy roads" and he said "Yes we came from Atlanta".

As he was getting into the car, he handed me some paper money and I told him "You don't owe me anything". They had not bought anything at my station. And I attempted to give the money back to him. The thin faced fellow then said "I can make more money than that in five minutes" I did not look to see how much money they had given me, as I was surprised and didn't know what it was all about. Upon leaving my station they were in a great hurry. I want to truthfully state this is the only time I have ever seen these two men. Special Agent H. F. Small has shown me a picture of the Karpis, Barker, Davis, Campbell group and I have never seen any of them to my recollection.

I kept the money, it was fifty dollars, two twenties and one ten dollar bill, for three or four days, not knowing what to do with it. I finally took it down to the Cantrell Banking Company in Etowah, Tenn. where I asked either Allie Rudder or Tom Cantrell, clerk and cashier respectively whether it was good money. I did not explain how I got the money. I was informed the money was good and deposited to my account.

I have read this statement and it is the truth in all particulars and I sign it and affix my initials to all five pages.

(Signed) Harry E. Cook

Witness--H. F. Small,  
Special Agent--Fed. Bur. Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
508 Medical Arts Bldg.,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Addendum My description of the two men is the same as Roy Arp's description of the two men, as best I can recall.

Frank Jennings, a florist in Etowah, Tennessee, and a friend of Harry Cook, on April 1, 1935, executed a written statement describing the manner in which the plates were purchased at Athens, Tennessee, which is as follows:

Etowah, Tenn.  
4-1-35

I, Frank Jennings, make this voluntary statement to Special Agent H. F. Small, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. This statement is the truth.

My name is Frank Jennings and I live here in Etowah, Tennessee. I have known Harry Cook for several years. I don't recall what date, but it was sometime in December, I think, I was going to Athens on business. I am a florist, and I stopped in Harry's station. Harry asked me to get some plates for him while in Athens, the county seat. Harry gave me a piece of paper with the description of the car and the name of the party for whom I was to get the plates registered. I never even glanced at the paper and I couldn't tell you what kind of a car or for whom I was to get the plates for in Athens. I don't know where the paper is now.

I went to Athens and got the plates at County Court Clerk's office. It was John Anderson's office. I can't remember how much I paid for the plates, as I never thought anything of the transaction. Late in the afternoon I came back to Etowah, with the plates and gave them to Harry.

Purchasing plates in this fashion is the customary thing and I never thought anything of buying the plates in this manner.

This statement is the truth and I have read it.

(Signed) Frank Jennings

Witness:

H. F. Small, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
508 Medical Arts Bldg.,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Roy Arp, Etowah, Tennessee, employed by Harry Cook at the Etowah Service Station, in signed statement on April 1, 1935, describing unknown parties' actions at Etowah Service Station gave the following information. Arp was shown a group picture of Karpis, Campbell, Davis and the Barkers, none of whom he recognized.

Etowah, Tenn.  
4-1-35.

I, Roy Arp, make this statement to Special Agent H. F. Small, Federal Bureau Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

My name is Roy Arp and I work for Harry Cook at the Etowah Service Station.

Sometime before the first of January 1935, I would not say for sure, but it might have been the last part of December 1934, about 8:30 P. M. at night, two fellows drove into Harry Cooks Service Station. It seems to be they were driving a U Drive It car; It was a 1934 VB, Model deluxe two door Sedan, black body and yellow wheels, with a narrow yellow stripe around the body. The shorter of the two fellows asked me if Harry Cook was at the station. I informed him, Harry was at the show. He told me to call him on the phone as he wanted to see him and I did, calling Harry at the show. Harry said he would come over, right away.

The shorter of the two fellows said in referring to the car "This thing runs too slow, I wish I had the governor off of it".

The taller one of the two, who was wearing glasses and who was driving the car said "No we can't do that, I have to take this car back and they would get after me, they wouldn't bother you, but they would me".

The little man said "he had come from Miami to see Harry Cook and that he had come from Miami to Atlanta in aeroplane and that he hoped he could make Atlanta and get a plane back to Miami." To this remark the taller of the two men, who did the driving said "We will be too late to get a plane, but we can see a midnight show in Atlanta".

They did not purchase anything at the station and when Harry Cook came up, I checked the car over and cleaned the windshield.

I don't know what conversation took place between Harry and these parties as I was busy attending to the car. Both of these fellows stayed only a very few minutes and drove away in a great haste.

One wearing glasses (tallest one)

Age 35

height 5' 11"

Weight 156

dress wearing blue serge suit

eyes wore glasses

hair black

complexion dark

Shortest one

Age 33

Height 5' 9"

wt. 145

dress can't recall

hair can't recall

wearing a hat

color I don't recall.

complexion sandy

It was the first and last time I ever saw them and I don't know where they are.

I have read the above statement, consisting of two and

one half pages and it is the truth.

(Signed) Roy Arp

Witness:

H. F. Small, Special Agent  
Fed. Bur. Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
508 Medical Arts Bldg.,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Allie Rudder, Clerk and Tom Cantrell, Cashier, of the Cantrell Banking Company, Etowah, Tennessee, were interviewed by this agent on April 1, 1935; neither party could recall Cook bringing to the bank \$50.00, and asking whether it was good money. They stated that Cook might have asked them such a question, but they do not recall it. Both explained that it was quite the customary thing for people to bring money to the bank and ask if it is good money and that they ascertain for them if the money is good by referring to their chart.

AT ATHENS, TENNESSEE

J. M. Thompson, Deputy Court Clerk, McMinn County, Tennessee, produced registration of motor vehicles records which reflect; that during the month of November, 1934, exact date not given on record, Tennessee license plates (1934) #309 881, motor # 2884746, make of vehicle, new Buick Sedan, amount of fee \$2.59, and that such plates were issued to T. C. Blackburn, Etowah, Tennessee.

Thompson advised that all registration cards are sent to the Motor Vehicle Department in Nashville, Tennessee, at the end of each month and, in order to ascertain the exact date, plates were purchased, it would be necessary to contact the State Motor Vehicle Department, Nashville, Tennessee.

Sheriff D. S. Duggan, McMinn County, Athens, Tennessee, informed this agent that he has known Harry Cook, Etowah, Tennessee, for several years, and that he has no criminal record in McMinn County, Tennessee, and came from a good family.

A description of Harry Cook, Etowah, Tennessee, from personal observation, follows:

Name	Harry R. Cook
Age	38 years.
Height	5' 10"
Weight	190 lbs.
Teeth	Good
Complexion	Fair
Color hair	Dark brown (bald in front)

Build	Heavy
Nationality	American, born Knoxville, Tenn., 5-22-06.
Scars	None
Criminal Record	None
Relatives	Mother, Mrs. J. J. Cook, Etowah, Tenn. No Brothers or Sisters. Uncle, George Cook, Erwin, Tenn. Aunt, Mrs. Gus Pemberton, Etowah, Tenn. Uncle, William Cook, Erwin, Tenn.

At the State Motor Vehicle Department, Nashville, Tennessee, it was ascertained that 1934, Tennessee license plates were issued on November 16, 1934, to F. C. Blackburn, Etowah, Tennessee, for a 1934 model Buick, motor # 2884746.

The signed statements quoted in this report are being forwarded, with a copy of this report, to the Jacksonville Office.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

April 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
FUG; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. 1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1237, FUG; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O. 1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with  
aliases, I.O. 1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with  
aliases, FUG; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRU-  
TION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
Chicago File No. 7-82

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge,  
J. H. Hanson, at Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 20, 1935, con-  
taining statement that DANNY McFARLAND, a local gambler and saloon-  
keeper at Miami, Florida, stated that HARRISON hangs out in Benton  
Harbor and St. Joe, Michigan, and is well known at the Whitcomb Hotel,  
St. Joe, Michigan.

Investigation conducted at the above mentioned places resulted  
in information that HARRISON, approximately a year or more ago, was seen  
at the Whitcomb Hotel. No further information could be obtained indi-  
cating that HARRISON has been frequenting either one of these places.  
However, [redacted] Benton Harbor, Michigan,  
confidentially advised that the only persons he knew who frequented  
Benton Harbor, who would harbor hoodlums, were DANNY McFARLAND (phonetic  
spelling) and BILL CONNERS, who formerly resided at Chicago, Illinois.  
[redacted] stated that DANNY McFARLAND owned a cottage on Route 3, about

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ten miles north of Benton Harbor, which is occupied during the summer months; that McFARLAND is a gambler and in the winter time, visits Miami, Florida. McFARLAND intended to open a dog race-track at Miami, about a year or more ago, but was unable to obtain proper authorization there. [REDACTED] stated that McFARLAND'S cottage at Benton Harbor was frequented by various persons, presumably hoodlums from Chicago. It is suggested that in future interview with McFARLAND, that an effort be made to obtain more definite information in regard to HARRISON and his known connections, at Chicago and elsewhere.

It is highly probable that if HARRISON visited Benton Harbor, he spent some time at McFARLAND'S cottage, and it is believed McFARLAND might be able to provide information which might prove valuable in locating HARRISON.

Recently, JOE ROBERTS, alias JOSEPH HANLEY, presently incarcerated in the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana, was interviewed and he stated that HARRISON first visited Florida with him in the winter season of 1929, and that during this time he and HARRISON stayed at the Miami Plaza, and HARRISON was very friendly with a man named "WHITEY", who according to HANLEY, operated a tavern on Ocean Drive, directly across from the Roney Plaza Hotel.

"WHITEY" is reported to have been formerly a resident of Dayton, Ohio. It is suggested that an effort be made to ascertain the identity of "WHITEY" in order that he may be interviewed for further information, looking toward the apprehension of HARRISON.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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cc-Bureau ✓  
cc-St. Paul

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 4, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

10:15 A.M.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Hanson called from Miami, Florida in connection with the above case, advising that Mr. Barlow is not convinced that we can prove that any of the people down there had knowledge of Karpis' identity, and the newspapers down there did not play this thing up as much as we wanted, that is, they did not show any photographs prior to the time he left there. Hanson stated that in a Bureau letter to the Jacksonville Office it was suggested that after the Attorney General's public announcement in March of 1934 various newspaper articles appeared on Karpis. Hanson stated he was wondering whether we could tell from the Bureau files what magazines carried these articles, stating that he thought possibly Liberty, Saturday Evening Post, Collier's and some of the detective magazines might have had some articles on him. Mr. Hanson stated that they are going to re-interview all of the people down there and that they are continuing their searches through the newspaper morgues, but have not been able to find any photographs of Karpis. I advised Hanson that I would see what could be done about finding the magazines in which the articles relative to Karpis appeared.

Hanson requested advice relative to the directed verdicts which were given to individuals out in San Francisco and I advised that the reason for this was that the defendants were three or four persons removed from the fugitive. Hanson stated they had heard about the directed verdicts down there and had gotten scared right away and that he, Hanson, would explain the reasons. Hanson stated he thought it would bolster up their spirit a little bit. Hanson stated Barlow did not want us to think that he had given up the idea of prosecuting these people, but he is painting the picture black to see if they can't find something.

Hanson stated he thought there would be three or four more days required in Miami and that it would then be necessary for him to go over to Havana. Hanson advised, incidentally, that he had heard that the father-in-law of Joe Adams, Bob Knight, is on his way to Washington to try and take care of the case against Adams.

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Respectfully,  
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E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Tolson	.....
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Mr. Harbo	.....
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Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 3, 1935

EAT:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

11:40 A.M.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Mr. Tolson	.....
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Miss Gandy	.....

Mr. Fay called from New York in connection with the above case to advise that Frank Frost, who is supposed to be the contact man for Sawyer, is at the Maurice Hotel, 145 West 58th Street, New York City; that this is the man the Bureau had requested the Jacksonville Office to keep under surveillance at the time he was in Miami; that this hotel is managed by the Realty Associates, the manager being a Mr. Conlon, who is apparently a high-class man; that there are no other employees in the hotel who can be depended upon, except one who has been with Conlon for about twelve years; that Frost has lived at that hotel on and off since 1933, prior to which time he lived at the Windsor Hotel; that he has no references at the Maurice Hotel and never cashes any checks, using cash in making disbursements; that he does not entertain and is living there with his wife very quietly, occupying apartment 13-D, for which he pays \$175 a month; that apartment 13-C, which is next door, is available and is \$150 a month; that the telephone box is on that floor and there is an open fireplace in Frost's apartment in which a dictaphone might be placed therein; that across the street there is an apartment on the fourth floor, at 150 West 58th Street, which a woman desires to sublet and which could be obtained for \$90. Mr. Fay requested advice as to what arrangements should be made for the surveillance.

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I advised Mr. Fay that 13-C should be used for the observation post. He requested an opinion relative to tapping the hotel telephone and I advised that if this could be done without disclosing it he should go ahead and tap the telephone, also, if it is possible to place the dictaphone in the fireplace without Frost's knowledge this should be done. I also told Fay that the apartment across the street should be rented at \$90 a month in order that a lookout could be maintained from that point. He furnished information relative to a third apartment on the 15th floor of a building across the street, stating that this third apartment looked directly down into Frost's, but I advised that, although we desired that everything possible be done to locate Sawyer, I did not believe the third apartment would be justified. I asked Mr. Fay relative to renting the apartments for two weeks, rather than a month, and he stated he believed it would be necessary to rent the one for \$90 for an entire month, but that the one in the hotel could probably be rented for a short period. I requested that he attempt to make arrangements along these lines.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM H. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.

Stop orders arranged for 1934 Chevrolet Club Sedan, motor 4543656, serial No. 1-DA-0749267, and 1935 model Pontiac Coach, motor No. 935155, serial No. 815237.

REFERENCE: Letter of SAC E.J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., dated 3/19/35.

DETAILS: AT SANTA FE, N.M.:

Mr. W.A. Thayer, Division of Motor Vehicles, advised after an examination of his records that 1934 model Chevrolet Club Sedan, motor 4543656, serial 1-DA-0749267, and 1935 model Pontiac Coach motor #935155, serial 815327, had not been registered in the State of New Mexico for 1935. Mr. Thayer advised that flash notices have been placed in the 1935 files with reference to these two cars and should any person attempt to register either one of them, the El Paso Office will immediately be notified.

DETAILS:

PENDING.

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April 2, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the efficiency reports due in the Cincinnati office as of March 31, 1935, it is possible that you would desire that I proceed to Cincinnati, Ohio for at least one day, in order to prepare these, particularly in order that I might confer with Acting Special Agent in Charge H.D.Harris as to one or two of the new men there whom I have never had opportunity to observe. Otherwise these ratings may be delayed for some time, if I am to prepare same.

In this connection it is planned to make certain investigation at Middle Island, located in Lake Erie, about eighteen miles off the mainland from Lakeside, Ohio, in Canadian waters, to determine definitely whether or not any of the Karpis-Barker gang may be located on this island, which investigation has been delayed due to certain developments here in Chicago indicating that there is a possibility that some of the hoodlums connected with 2024 Milwaukee Avenue, a bookie shop operated by Tony Capezio and one Hack Miller, may be hiding out a party wanted in connection with the Bremer case, possibly VOLNEY DAVIS. To date we have been unable to determine definitely the alleged person who is supposed to be furnishing the hideout for this party, and for that reason I have hesitated to leave Chicago until we have this more definitely worked out. It is believed however, that we may be able to know by the end of the present week whether or not there is anything definite as to this, and thereafter I will proceed to Detroit in order to enlist the cooperation of the Canadian Police in visiting Middle Island, for the purpose above indicated, and upon the completion of such inquiry it might be possible for me, during the coming week, to proceed to Cincinnati for at least one day in order to prepare the efficiency ratings indicated above.

I will advise you further as to the developments of the possibilities of locating any of the subjects here in Chicago, and as to whether or not it is desirable for me to leave later in the week. 7-541-5398 v

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~~Very truly yours,~~

## DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

935 A.M.

~~E. J. CONNELLEY,~~

Special Agent in Charge.

**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT**

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1234;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
EXPLOSIVES: HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241;  
OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

CHARACTER OF CASE:  
KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING & OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] advised that a letter was received by Jimmy Tracy, brother of Betty Tracy who is the fiancée of Dr. Moran, from Biloxi, Miss., on 2/3/35, and also received another letter from Moran about 2/19/35. Further advised Jimmy Tracy received a letter from Dr. Moran from Atlanta, Ga., on 3/15/35. John Moran, Warrenville, Ill., not identical with Subject Moran. Information received that Subject Moran is associating with hi-jackers in the vicinity of La Salle, Ill.; investigation failed to establish this to be true.

DETAILS:

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Ill., dated 3/23/35.

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DETAILS:

On February 26, 1935

[redacted] who has been referred to in previous reports [redacted]

[redacted] called at the Chicago Bureau office. [redacted] has learned through conversation with Rose Curran that on February 5, 1935 Jimmy Tracy, brother of Betty Tracy, received a letter from Dr. Joseph P. Moran from Biloxi, Mississippi; that another letter was received from Dr. Moran also from Biloxi, postmarked, he thought, February 19, 1935. He went on to state that the conversation between Rose Curran [redacted] was to the effect that Dr. Moran was taking advantage of the warm weather at Biloxi and was under cover and awaiting possible disposal of the case against him, charging him with conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer, at Chicago, Illinois and St. Paul, Minnesota. [redacted] advised that he was unable to advise any further information as to Dr. Moran's whereabouts in Biloxi, or the name he was now using, but indicated that he believed Dr. Moran would be practicing abortion wherever he may now be. He also advised that Rose Curran informed [redacted] that "Father Tom" McFadden had sent Dr. Moran a money order, amount not known, from Chicago, Illinois, he thought, on or about January 7, 1935 to some point in Mississippi, name of town not known to him. [redacted] is unwilling to question [redacted] as to the information obtained [redacted] from Rose Curran due to the fact that [redacted] does not know he is furnishing information to the Chicago Bureau office. It would be highly inadvisable for him to let any member of the family know he is furnishing information as they would immediately become suspicious and he would be unable to obtain any further information. He said he is confident, however, that he will eventually learn the exact whereabouts of Dr. Moran and will immediately advise Special Agent R. D. Brown.

Concerning the address where Jimmy Tracy may be receiving his mail [redacted] was unable to furnish such an address, but stated that he had heard that Jimmy Tracy has a small cottage somewhere on the north side of Chicago which he uses as a "love nest" and where his mail is being delivered and which he in turn turns over to his sister, Betty Tracy.

Immediately upon receipt of this information the same was telephonically communicated to Special Agent M. W. Meekins, who was at that time Acting Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Bureau office. Agent Meekins advised that he would have a discreet investigation conducted at Biloxi, Mississippi in an attempt to determine Dr. Moran's whereabouts, and should he be located would arrange to have

Dr. Moran's movements watched closely for a short period of time in view of the possibility that other subjects in this case might be contacting him, or hiding in that vicinity.

A report dated March 6, 1935 by Special Agent C. E. Olson of the New Orleans Bureau office reports results of the investigation at Biloxi, showing it was impossible to locate Dr. Moran at Biloxi, Mississippi or vicinity.

It has been difficult for Agents of the Chicago office to contact [redacted] frequently. However, contact was made with him on March 20, 1935, at which time he advised Special Agent R. D. Brown that [redacted] had again conferred with Rose Curran and learned from her that Jimmy Tracy had received another letter from Dr. Moran from Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that the conversation was to the effect that Dr. Moran is now a travelling salesman for some company selling surgical instruments and supplies. He advised that he had not been able to find out from his wife where Dr. Moran's letters are being delivered at Chicago, but knows positively that Betty and Jimmy Tracy are receiving letters from him. An additional mail cover has been placed on all mail received by Betty (Elizabeth) Tracy, 2718 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, and addressed to her c/o Chicago City Civil Service Commission, [redacted] employed. However, no results have been obtained from this mail cover.

Upon receipt of the information from [redacted] to the effect that Jimmy Tracy received a letter from Dr. Moran from Atlanta, Georgia on Friday, March 15, 1935, Special Agent R. D. Brown telephonically communicated this information to Special Agent L. D. Nichols of the Birmingham, Alabama Bureau office, requesting that investigation be conducted at the commercial hotels in Atlanta, Georgia and the post office there in an attempt to determine whether or not Dr. Moran is presently in Atlanta. It was also suggested that surgical instrument supply houses at Atlanta be discreetly checked to determine whether or not Dr. Moran is travelling for some concern of that nature.

[redacted] has promised to obtain additional information at a future date and will immediately communicate with the Chicago Bureau office in this regard.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent K. B. McIntire, Chicago, dated February 26, 1935 recording an interview with Willie Doherty, friend of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who attended subjects Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker while they were undergoing operations to obliterate their fingerprints at the Irving Hotel during February of 1934, at Dr. Joseph P. Moran's request. At the time of the

interview, Special Agent McIntire requested Willie Doheney to communicate telephonically with the Chicago office each week for the purpose of reporting any information he might be able to obtain relative to Moran's whereabouts. Willie Doheney has telephoned the Chicago office each week since that time and has conferred with Special Agent W. C. Ryan or Special Agent R. D. Brown. To date he advised he has been unable to obtain any information relative to Moran's whereabouts.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, dated February 3, 1935 and to that section of the report indicating that Mrs. Katherine Barker, as Mrs. Ryan, registered at the Southmoor Hotel, 67th Street and Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, after she had given up her apartment at 7269 South Shore Drive, Chicago, on September 26, 1934. Special Agent F. G. Tillman contacted Norman J. Fellman, manager of the Southmoor Hotel, on February 20, 1935, at which time the hotel register was examined. The registrations of interest were as follows:

Mrs. G. E. Ryan, Long Beach, California, Registry #3817, assigned to Room 751; and W. J. Ryan, Long Beach, California, Registry #3818, assigned to Room 747. (The arrival date of these two individuals was given as 9/26/34 and departure as 9/28/34.)

Another registration was that of Dr. J. Scruggs, Belleville, Illinois, Registry #3871, assigned to Room 749. Date of arrival 9/28/34 and departure 9/29/34. The handwriting of Mrs. G. E. Ryan is identical with that of Mrs. Katherine Barker and the handwriting of W. J. Ryan is identical with that of William J. Harrison. The handwriting of Dr. Scruggs could not be identified but Mr. Fellman advised that Dr. Joseph P. Moran's photograph appears familiar to him, but he was unable to identify it as being that of Dr. Scruggs. He was unable to identify any of the photographs exhibited to him.

Special Agent F. G. Tillman interviewed Mrs. Rhoma Hannion, 9003 South Ashland Avenue, who formerly operated Rhoma's Beauty Shop, 1144 West 79th Street, Chicago. She advised that a Mrs. Anderson, who gave her address as 7271 South Shore Drive, came to her beauty shop for treatment during June and July of 1934. She identified the photograph of Katherine Barker as being Mrs. Anderson. She stated that Mrs. Anderson told her that she was leaving for California and desired her card so that she could locate her, Mrs. Hannion, upon her return to Chicago. At this time Mrs. Hannion was employed by Madam Bower at 74th and Exchange Avenue. In explaining the notation "Mayes" on the card found at the Barker home, Mrs. Hannion stated that she believed this means May Cohen who previously owned Madam Bower's place. Mrs. Cohen is now said to be married to a city detective.

On March 21, 1935, a telegram was received from the Birmingham Office advising that a John Moran left a forwarding address at Atlanta, Georgia, on February 23, 1935, for General Delivery, Birmingham, Alabama, where on February 25, 1935, he left a forwarding address for Warrenville, Illinois.

Special Agent C. B. Winstead, of this Office, conducted the following investigation at Warrenville, Illinois, on March 22, 1935:

Mrs. Margaret Connorton, Postmistress, Warrenville, stated that she knows John Moran, a painter and whitewasher, who left Warrenville on November 15, 1934, in his Ford truck, and has been travelling around through the southern states, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida, since that time, just working at odd jobs; that Moran has made Warrenville his home for many years; that his son, Matthew, a man of twenty-seven years of age, operates the news stand in Warrenville.

Mrs. Connorton, upon seeing Mr. Joseph P. Moran's photograph, stated that it is not a photograph of John Moran; that John Moran is a man of fifty-seven to sixty years of age, about 5'11" in height, and would weigh about 185 lbs.

Mrs. Connorton stated she knows John Moran was in Birmingham some time ago, and that he now is around Chicago, and his son, Matthew, who rooms with her (Mrs. Connorton) does not know his father's address in Chicago, either; that John got back to Chicago about two weeks ago.

Sheriff Desper, LaSalle, Illinois, telephoned and advised Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, that he was then located at the county jail at Ottawa, Illinois; that he had been out of town and just returned; that he had information indicating that Doctor Moran was associated with BILL BULL, GEORGE SCHUTZ, and one CAMPBELL, in the vicinity of LaSalle; that he believed they were responsible for an effort to hi-jack a truck, the truck escaping from the hi-jackers; that they were apparently using a blue Ford V-8 sedan with Virginia license 51069-C; that they had communicated with Richmond, Virginia as to this license, and learned it had been issued to an address at which the owner was unknown. (It was later indicated that he was in error as to the tag, and that it was a Georgia tag instead of a Virginia tag).

He indicated that these parties were armed with machine guns, revolvers and shotguns; that Moran was dressed in very shabby clothing; that Bull was indicated as weighing 190 pounds; age 36 years; height five feet eleven inches. The Sheriff indicated he was not very familiar with the situation, indicating that his Deputy, who was not available, had all the real facts as to this.

Accordingly, Special Agents Tillman, Jones, and Sullivan proceeded to Ottawa, Illinois on the night of March 21, 1935, in order to contact Sheriff Desper, he having further indicated that the above referred to car had been seen in front of the home of the brother of Doctor Moran at Spring Valley, Illinois.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. G. Tillman on March 13, 1935, at Marseilles, Illinois.

J. L. Cooper, the constable at Marseilles, Illinois, upon being interviewed by this agent stated that he and Glen Inskip, a policeman at Marseilles, saw "Doc" Joseph P. Moran at the LaSalle Street Station, Chicago, Illinois, at 8:35 A.M. on March 12, 1935, and followed him one block west on Van Buren Street. Cooper advised that he did not notify the Bureau because he could not remember the telephone number or address previously furnished him by this agent. At this time both Cooper and Inskip were proceeding to the United States District Court on subpoena and gave this as the reason for not following Moran further or taking steps for notifying the Chicago Bureau Office. Cooper said that Mye Milam of Streator, Illinois, and John Tryon, employed at the Illinois Power and Light Company, Ottawa, Illinois, are said to have seen Moran at Ottawa and Spring Valley.

Ralph Desper, the sheriff at Ottawa, Illinois, advised Cooper that he believed Moran was the "finger" man of a bank robbery which occurred five weeks ago at LaSalle, Illinois, and that Desper believed Moran to be in company with a Bill Bull, George Schnets and one Dowd, all ex-convicts. In this connection J. J. Broderick, Record Clerk, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, advised on March 13, 1935, that the records did not reflect that any persons bearing these names were incarcerated in the prison during the time that Moran was a prisoner there.

On March 20, 1935 Mr. Christopher of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the only telephone at 2718 Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is ALBany 7462, listed in the name of Elizabeth Tracy. A check of the long distance calls from November 1, 1934, reflected the following:

December 24, 1934 Telegram to Denver - no signature  
January 26, 1935 Telegram to Washington, D. C. -  
signed Tracy

These telegrams were not checked at the telegraph office at this time.

With reference to a mail tracing of a letter delivered to Mrs. E. Tracy, 2718 North Ridgeway Avenue, received March 18, 1935, it was ascertained from Edward Rowland, Superintendent of the Martha Washington Hospital, 2518 Irving Park Boulevard, that the return address given on this letter, 2319 Belle Plaine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the address of the Washingtonian Home of Chicago. This is an institution for the treatment of alcoholism and narcotics and is operated by the same organization as the hospital. A check was made of the patients therein, but none were found who in any way resembled the subjects in this case. It was then learned that a bill for services rendered to Mrs. Tracy in April of 1934 was sent on the date the tracing was made. The institution's envelopes also corresponded with that drawn on the tracing.

With reference to a telephone call received by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley from Sheriff Ralph Desper, Ottawa, Illinois, on March 21, 1935, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan, R. L. Jones, and F. G. Tillman, the latter making this report.

On March 22, 1935, Sheriff Desper was interviewed and he advised that a truck belonging to the Overnight Motor Service at Rockford, Illinois was hi-jacked four miles north of Peru, Illinois, on about March 14. This truck contained approximately four hundred cases of whiskey consigned by the Hiram Walker Distillery at Peoria, Illinois to the Forest City Liquor Company at Rockford, Illinois. Bruno Cagnoni and Ray Tunison of Rockford, Illinois, the drivers of this truck described the hi-jackers to Sheriff Desper and advised him that they were driving a Ford V-8 Coach, probably grey in color, and inasmuch as the Sheriff had seen a Ford Coach, bearing Georgia license #310696, parked in front of James Moran's residence in Springfield, Illinois, he connected the two together and wired the Motor Vehicle Division at Atlanta, Georgia, inquiring about this number. He was advised that it was issued to Captain E. L. Hager, Fort Benning, Georgia. Through his inquiry to H. A. Funk, a provost marshal at Fort Benning, it was ascertained that there was no record of Hager at this place.

On March 22, 1935, Special Agents R. L. Jones and F. G. Tillman interviewed James Doyle, Assistant Postmaster at Spring Valley, Illinois, a previous informant in this case, and were advised that Captain Hager received mail from the Finance Office at

Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Doyle is well acquainted in Spring Valley and stated that Hager had visited there previously and he knew him to be an army officer. Hager's wife, formerly Hortense Moran, is the daughter of James Moran's housekeeper, who is the widow of Tom Moran, a brother of Doc Moran. Personal observation of this car showed it to be a 1934 Model, Ford Coach, black in color. Visiting with Captain Hager is his wife and eight year old son.

Sheriff Desper stated that Tony Rossala, a taxi driver at LaSalle, Illinois, said he saw Moran in the grey Ford Coach. Sheriff Desper does not believe Rossala to be reliable and believes him to be very friendly with Moran. Tornetti, a state policeman at Spring Valley is also unreliable, according to Desper, although he is reported to have also seen Moran in this car. Desper believes that Moran is in company with George Schuets, Bill Bull, and Bill Dowd, who are the same men referred to by J. L. Cooper. It appears from investigation that these men have no connection with Doc Moran and are liquor hi-jackers operating in that section.

On March 22, 1935, Special Agents D. P. Sullivan, R. L. Jones, and F. G. Tillman proceeded to Rockford, Illinois, and there exhibited the photographs of Doc Moran, Willie Harrison, and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang, to Bruno Cagnoni and Ray Tunison, who were unable to identify them as being the men who hi-jacked them. The drivers, Cagnoni and Tunison, described the hi-jackers as follows:

No.1 the driver

Age 29 to 33 years  
Height about 5'9"  
Weight " 135 lbs.  
Hair sandy  
Eyes blue  
Nose sharp  
Clothes chinchilla coat  
Build slim  
Complexion medium

No.2

Age 38 years  
Height 5'10"  
Weight 190 lbs.  
Hair light, bald on sides  
Build husky  
Complexion medium  
Beard black

The other two men got in the truck and were not seen enough to be described by Cagnoni and Tunison. The leader of this gang carried a .45 revolver, the second man a octagon barrel pump action rifle, and a third man possibly a sawed-off shotgun. The hi-jackers were unsuccessful because the boys drove the truck in the ditch when ordered to stop.

The descriptions are being included in this report for future reference as it is now believed that there is no connection between these men and the subjects wanted by the Bureau.

On March 22, 1935 Agent R. L. Jones interviewed R. L. Wright, manager of the telephone company at LaSalle, Illinois, and was advised that Wright did not believe Moran to be in the vicinity. Wright further stated that if Moran were there, he would be very likely to hear of it.

On March 23, 1935 Leo O'Connell, Mail Carrier at Wicker Park, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by Agent Tillman with reference to mail received by the Able Sign Erectors Company, 1523 W. Austin Avenue. O'Connell stated that the Tracys received very little personal mail and to his recollection there has been none recently from any southern state. O'Connell said that Jimmie Tracy had quit his job at the Chicago Chauffeur, Teamsters and Helpers Union and was now connection with the Sign Hangers Union on Ashland Avenue. O'Connell will make guarded inquiry as to Jimmie Tracy's present address and will advise the Chicago Bureau Office upon receipt of such information.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE:

At Atlanta, Georgia, will continue its investigation in an effort to ascertain if Dr. Joseph P. Moran is presently residing there in accordance with suggestions previously made by the Chicago Bureau Office.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Okla. City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/3/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/4 to 31/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>B. L. Dameron</b>
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<p>RECEIVED</p> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Two money orders for \$100, each sent from Cleveland, Ohio, on August 2, 1934 by Harry C. Stanley, Muskogee, Okla., to Mott Stanley, Commerce, Okla. No information received concerning Chevrolet Sedan and Pontiac Coach purchased by Arthur Barker and Doctor Moran, resp. Indian Joe Miller, Picher, Okla. denies acquaintance with Subjects. Wala Wala White and Mike, alleged associates of Sawyer, said to be ex-convicts and identity may possibly be established through prison records. Mail covers continued on relatives of Campbell and Davis but with negative results to date. Volney Davis alleged to have participated in jewelry robbery at Tulsa, Okla., on 3-27-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:</u></p> <p>By letter of March 14, 1935, to the Post Office Inspector at Tulsa, Oklahoma, mail covers were continued on all first-class mail received by the family of Harry Campbell at 818 South Rockford Street; Mrs. Ruby Lamberson, sister of Volney Davis, 1660 East 8th Street; and Mrs. L. B. Hoffman, sister of Volney Davis, now residing at 1115 South Yorktown Street, all in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tracings are being received on these covers, but to date have been of no value.</p> <p>Reference is made to the Bureau letter of February 26, 1935, addressed to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, and a letter of March 2, 1935, from</p>			
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Mr. Connelley to the Oklahoma City Office, both of which refer to the tracing of two money orders alleged to have been sent by Volney Davis to Mott Stanley at Gardin or Commerce, Oklahoma, to be transmitted to Jess Doyle as payment on a debt.

Special Agent Frank J. Whelan interviewed Mr. Wayne Lair, Assistant Postmaster, Commerce, Oklahoma, and with him checked his records and money order stubs on file in his office. The stubs of the money orders revealed that two money orders were sent to Mott Stanley, Commerce, Oklahoma, from Cleveland, Ohio, both of which were dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 2, 1934, and each in the sum of \$100.00. Money Order No. One carried serial number 260284 and was dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 2, 1934, payable to Mott Stanley, in the sum of \$100.00. The remitter is shown as Harry C. Stanley, 1109 Okmulgee Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and the same was cashed at Commerce, Oklahoma, on August 16, 1934. Money Order No. Two bears serial number 260285 and was in the sum of \$100.00, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 2, 1934, and made payable to Mott Stanley. The remitter is shown as Harry C. Stanley, 1109 Okmulgee Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma. This money order was cashed at Commerce, Oklahoma, on August 14, 1934. It appeared that both of these money orders were cashed at the First State Bank, Commerce, Oklahoma, by Mott Stanley and later presented to the Post Office for payment by the bank. Both Mr. Lair, Assistant Postmaster, and Mr. George Lee, Cashier of the First State Bank, Commerce, advised that often when a large money order is presented for payment at the Post Office the Post Office does not have sufficient funds on hand and the bank cashes same and holds it for a day or two until there is sufficient money in the Post Office account to meet the money order. This is the procedure that was followed with reference to the two instant money orders. Mr. Lee advised that he recalls cashing these money orders for Mott Stanley when they were presented.

Under date of April 1, 1935, photograph copies of these two money order stubs were transmitted to Mr. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois.

Pursuant to the request of Mr. Connelley of the Chicago Office, the writer again contacted the Stolen Car Division of the State Highway Commission with reference to the Pontiac Coach, motor number 935155, and Chevrolet Club Sedan, motor number 4543656, purchased by Subjects Moran and Arthur Barker, respectively. It was ascertained that "stops" are still outstanding on both of these automobiles, and no information had been received concerning the same, nor had they been registered in the State of Oklahoma during the years 1934 or 1935.

The report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated July 16, 1934, reflects that Pat Reilly alleges that he has known Subject Sawyer for a number of years and that the most intimate associates of Sawyer are Wala Wala Whittie, whose real name is White, and a party by the name of Mike.

Under date of March 8, 1935, Mr. Connelley requested an interview with Reilly for more definite information concerning the contacts of Sawyer, as well as places which might lead to the apprehension of this Subject.

On March 12, 1935, Special Agent T. M. Birch interviewed Pat Reilly at the United States Southwestern Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, who stated that he came in contact or became acquainted with Harry Sawyer, who is known in the gambling circles in and around St. Paul as "The Jew", while engaged as mascot on the St. Paul American Association Baseball Team in 1921 and 1926; and that, although he could give no definite information as to where Sawyer might be located, he was sure he could contact him if he were in St. Paul, through friends and associates in St. Paul. With regard to Wala Wala White, Reilly stated that his real name is James White, and that he has served time in the State Penitentiary at Wala Wala, Washington, for bank robbery, being released from this institution prior to Christmas in 1933. He described White as being 50 years of age; height, 5' 10 1/2"; weight, about 190 pounds; heavy build; with hair turning grey and bald on top. He stated that the person known to him as Mike, last name unknown, is a man about 50 years of age, 5' 9" in height, weighing about 150 to 165 pounds, medium stout build, and with black hair turning grey; that Mike has served a term of four years in the Wisconsin State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wisconsin, for burglary, and was released from this institution shortly prior to the time James White was released at Wala Wala, Washington; and that both White and Mike were bosom friends of Harry Sawyer.

With reference to Robert H. Kerr, mentioned in the letter from Mr. Connelley to the Oklahoma City Office, dated March 8, 1935, as being a possible contact of the Subjects of this case, Special Agent Emerson Hopp conducted investigation at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City in an effort to locate and identify Kerr through lobbyists and members of the State Legislature and Senate who are interested in securing legislation favorable to the horse race and dog race track constituents, but with negative results.

The current city and telephone directories of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, reveal a Robert H. Kerr residing in this city and investigation is now being conducted at Tulsa, Oklahoma, along this line.

On March 12, 1935, Special Agent Frank J. Whelan in Tulsa, Oklahoma, received information from one Pat Johnson to the effect that Harry Campbell was frequenting places in and about Skiatook, Oklahoma. Thereafter Special Agent Whelan interviewed Mr. Johnson and one Haskell Bowline, the latter being very well known in the vicinity of Skiatook and of the opinion that Campbell had been in the vicinity of Skiatook on two or three occasions. Both Mr. Bowline and Mr. Johnson were interested in the compensation they would receive should they be able to give any information resulting in Campbell's apprehension.

Subsequently and on March 14, 1935, Mr. Bowline telephonically advised Agent Whelan that he believed Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were then secreted in a house in Sperry, Oklahoma, which house was occupied by Bill Dolan, an ex-convict. Special Agents Paul Hansen, T. M. Birch, and F. W. Whelan, accompanied by State officers, then proceeded to Dolan's house in Sperry, Oklahoma, but found no evidence of either Campbell or Karpis having been there. Bill Dolan was interviewed concerning his knowledge of Subjects Campbell and Karpis but he denied associating with them and could provide no information of value. Dolan bears an unsavory reputation in the vicinity, and his residence is being kept under surveillance by Constable Elliott of Skiatook.

The report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, dated March 9, 1935, indicates that one Indian Joe Miller of Picher, Oklahoma, is alleged to be well acquainted with Subject Karpis. On March 20, 1935, Special Agent T. M. Birch interviewed Deputy Sheriff Henry H. Blanton, of Miami, who stated that he was born and raised in and around Picher, Oklahoma, and had known Indian Joe Miller for many years; that for the past few years Miller had operated beer and pool halls in Picher and Cardin, Oklahoma; that Miller was three-fourths Creek Indian and one-fourth negro, and had served several sentences in the County Jail for violation of the National Prohibition laws, but had never served time in a penitentiary.

Agent Birch then interviewed Miller, who stated that he was not personally acquainted with any of the Subjects of this case and had heard of them only through newspaper publicity, and that none of these Subjects had ever been in his place to his knowledge. He also denied being acquainted with Orville D. Irwin.

Harley Jennings, Chief of Police at Picher, Oklahoma, stated that in his opinion the Subjects of this case would not contact Miller as he is considered only a minor law violator.

With reference to the circular letter issued under date of February 14, 1935, concerning correspondence by Volney Davis with members of the Get Acquainted Correspondence Club, Special Agent (A) W. A. Giddens interviewed Mrs. Audrey Turner, Oswalt, Oklahoma, who advised that she had never corresponded with anyone by the name of George Lawrence Harper, but that in the event she received a letter from him she would immediately forward the same to the Oklahoma City Bureau Office.

Special Agent J. J. Perkins conducted investigation at Tonkawa, Oklahoma, where it was ascertained that Post Office Box 385 was rented on September 13, 1934, by Mrs. Phobe Dayton and in addition to Mrs. Dayton, Mrs. Ellen Forest, Mrs. Ellen Groth, and a Mrs. Caroline Groth received mail in this box, but a Mrs. Dorothy Clark was unknown.

Mrs. Phobe Dayton, 201 1/2 East Tonkawa Street, Tonkawa, Oklahoma,

stated that Mrs. Dorothy Clark is unknown to her but the description set forth in the circular letter would correspond to some degree with the description of her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Groth, who is now located in Oklahoma City.

Chief of Police C. G. Wagoner, of Tonkawa, stated that both Mrs. Dayton and her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Groth, are respected in the community and have never, to his knowledge, had visitors of a questionable character.

Subsequently investigation made at Oklahoma City by Special Agent Emerson Hopp, in an effort to locate Mrs. Ellen Groth, was with negative results. It appears from the investigation in Oklahoma City that Mrs. Groth has gone under several names and is a narcotic addict, and has left several addresses in Oklahoma City without paying her bills. Efforts are being continued to locate and interview her along the lines suggested in the circular letter.

On March 27, 1935, information was received at the Oklahoma City Office to the effect that a jewelry store located in Tulsa, Oklahoma, had been robbed, and that Volney Davis had been identified as one of the robbers. Special Agent T. M. Birch thereupon proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to verify this identification. Subsequently he advised telephonically that it appeared that this jewelry robbery was an inside job, and that the identification of Davis apparently could not be relied upon. The details of this robbery and alleged identification of Davis will be provided by Special Agent Birch at a later date.